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Motor Spare Parts For Hongkong

Question Raised In The Commons

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 17.

Mr Arthur Bottomley, Secretary for Oversens Trade, said in Parliament this afternoon that Government is actively considering means of ensuring that a consignment of motor spare parts shipped to Hongkong does not eventually fall into Communist hands.

Mr Geoffrey Hutchinson, Conservative, had asked about "large quantities of motor spare parts and other items of equipment suitable for military vehicles" which had been ordered during recent months from a firm in this country. These quantities far exceeded those normally capable of being absorbed by the market in Hongkong.

He asked the Board of Trade what steps were being taken to ensure this material was not intended for military use against forces of the United Nations by Chinese and North Koreans.

Mr Bottomley said in a written reply that he was grateful to the firm in question for drawing the attention of the Board of Trade to certain orders they had received. The motor industry had already been informed that Government wished supplies of motor spare parts to Hongkong to be limited to the normal requirements of the Colony.

In the present case the ostensible destination of the goods was not Hongkong but it subsequently came to light that it was probably intended they should be shipped on to that Colony.

"We are actively considering means of ensuring that they do not eventually come into Communist control," Mr Bottomley said.

Egypt Considers Treaty Proposals

Cairo, Apr. 17.

A special cabinet committee, presided over by Premier Mustapha el Nahas Pasha, met on Tuesday to consider the British treaty proposals.

The Premier said after the session the committee would resume its discussions on Saturday. —United Press.

Mr Truman's Gesture

Washington, Apr. 17.

President Truman has cancelled a speech he was to deliver on Thursday because he feels "that Thursday is General MacArthur's Day," the White House announced tonight.

President Truman was due to address the American Society of Newspaper Editors here.

Mr Joseph Short, the White House Press Secretary, said that President Tuman did not want to do anything "to detract from General MacArthur's Day."

The General is to address Congress on Thursday, a short time before President Truman has arranged to speak to the newspaper editors. Mr Short said that the Society had consented to relieve the President from his engagement.—Reuter.

West Offer New Agenda

Paris, Apr. 17.

The West offered Soviet Russia a revised Big Four Foreign Ministers' agenda on Tuesday in what may serve to break the six-week-old deadlock of the East-West deputies' meeting here.

The American deputy, Ambassador Dr Philip Jessup, who acted as spokesman for the three Western powers, made the new overture to an East-West settlement just as hopes for a successful conclusion of the conference appeared bleakest.

Dr Jessup's most important change was to rewrite one of the basic points on the Western compromise proposal offered on April 2 by the French deputy to the Soviet representative, Mr Andrei Gromyko.

Under the new proposals the Foreign Ministers would discuss "the existing level of armaments and armed forces and measures to be proposed jointly by the USSR, the United States, the United Kingdom and France for international control and a reduction of armaments and armed forces." The April 2 proposal read: "Existing level of armaments and armed forces and measures for international control of the reduction of armaments and armed forces, including those of the Soviet Union, the United States, the United Kingdom and France."

Dr Jessup also proposed two additional agenda items—discussion of the "treaties of peace with Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria" and the "question of Trieste".—United Press.

LOST SUBMARINE FOUND AT BOTTOM OF SEA

Admiralty Says Some Of Crew Still Alive

STRIKES BED OF OCEAN DURING DIVE

Portsmouth, England, Apr. 18.

The British submarine Affray, missing since Monday night in the English Channel, was found at the bottom of the sea today (Wednesday) and the Admiralty said at least some of its 75 men were alive.

Supersonic telegraphic messages intercepted by several submarines among the fleet of 25 vessels participating in the search led to the discovery of the submarine early this morning.

The Admiralty said the Affray was stuck to the bottom of the sea at a depth of 33 fathoms (198 feet) just Southwest of the Isle of Wight in the English Channel.

It was the same spot at which the big submarine, built for service in the Pacific, went down Monday at the start of what was to have been a training cruise.

Rescue crews ordered to converge on the area said the site was shallow enough to permit divers to descend to the sunken submarine. — Associated Press.

WIDESPREAD SEARCH

Portsmouth, Apr. 17.

Planes and warships zigzagged over the Channel today seeking a British submarine reported as missing after diving with 75 men aboard.

Three helicopters and two American destroyers took part in the biggest sea search for years.

The submarine, Affray (about 1,200 tons), left Portsmouth for Falmouth, Cornwall, last night on a practice patrol. She dived south of the Isle of Wight at 9.15 p.m. She was due to surface at 8.30 a.m. today.

As soon as the Affray was reported to be overdue, "Operation Subsmash" was put in motion.

This is the Navy's routine drill for undersea emergency. It means that every available ship, plane and salvage vessel is rushed out on search and rescue work.

Steamers, fishing smacks and tiny motor-boats were alerted by an urgent radio message, repeated at hourly intervals: "Watch for survivors, wreckage or floating oil".

Four British destroyers, six frigates, and four aircraft scoured a wide arc of the Channel, between the Isle of Wight and Dartmouth, the United States destroyers Perry and H. J. Ellison, stationed at nearby Portland, joining in the search.

They were looking out for two small red and yellow buoys, which the Affray carried ready to jettison in an emergency. These buoys were designed to float to the surface.

Twenty of the 75 people aboard the submarine were young recruits, making their first sea voyage in a submarine to give them an opportunity of deciding whether they would become officers in the submarine service.

Most of them were under 20.

Some of the others were war veterans returning to service when the Korean war broke out.

The cruise was to be longer than usual—normally submarines go out for one-day diving tests—to let the recruits see all sides of the life below water.

"SNORT GEAR"

The Affray was believed to be about 200 feet down. Had she surfaced today her captain would have been ordered to go to deeper water, up to 700 feet.

With "Snort" underwater breathing gear, her crew could stay below for months—provided this submarine's "air pipe" was above surface.

But if the "pipe" is submerged and she is more than 100 feet down, chances of survival after 24 hours are slim.

The first day of a search for a submerged submarine is critical. If she is located in the first 24 hours and air pipes can be "feed" into her safe, chances of saving the crew are considered to be good. With each passing day, the chances fade.

A senior submarine officer said

Bradley Discusses Korea Prospects

Chicago, Apr. 17.

General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, said today that the Korean war might be headed towards a stalemate but there was reason to believe that it could be brought to an honourable conclusion.

An ultimatum as a method of ending the world crisis was not militarily practicable, General Bradley said, and might even commit the United States to a so-called preventive war.

General Bradley made these statements in a speech to the National Association of Television Broadcasters.

General Bradley, who did not mention the name of General MacArthur, also made these points:

The one price the United States would not pay for peace was appeasement.

The use the Communists had made of air bases in Manchuria to date had not warranted United States bombing of them.

Acting against aggression in Korea upset Communist plans in Asia, at least temporarily preventing Communist moves in Indo-China and perhaps saving Thailand and Formosa.

Any attempt to settle the world crisis by an ultimatum—perhaps accompanied by a threat to bomb Russia—was militarily impracticable and would either commit the United States to a so-called preventive war or gain only temporary respite.

NOT IN SIGHT

"There is no early end in sight to the Korean war under present conditions", General Bradley said.

"As far as we can see now there is nothing transitory, nothing temporary about the Communists' determination to drive us out of Korea and, if possible, to destroy our forces completely".

America's military action in Korea was closely related to her North Atlantic Treaty efforts in Europe, General Bradley added. In collective action defensive strength was multiplied.

"Because we are intent on preventing World War III we are not making moves that might lead to enlargement of the present conflict. Our Government is cautious in every decision that might prolong this conflict. It has been difficult for the men in the field to refrain from attacking the air bases in Manchuria. However, Communist air intervention has not been a factor in the ground (or air) action to date," he said.

United States objectives in Korea, General Bradley said, were:

(1) To protect and maintain the American form of government and American way of life against any challenge. No limitatiin of expenditures or exertion was recognised on that point.

(2) To seek peace by every means at her command, but there was one price she would not pay—appeasement.

(3) To secure peace, not only for herself, but for all others. For that reason America supported the United Nations.

In Washington, the Defence Department said that General Bradley's speech was cleared by the State Department in line with a White House edict last December requiring clearance of policy statements by Government officials.

In ousting General MacArthur from the Far East command, Mr Truman cited disagreement on that score as a reason

Stone Of Scone Returned

The custodian of Arbroath Abbey, Scotland, Mr James Wishart, stands in the ruins of the Abbey with the Scone coronation stone at his feet. The historic stone, stolen from Westminster Abbey last Christmas Day, was returned to the abbey by three unidentified men, who also left with it two letters, one addressed to the King and the other to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which Mr Wishart is holding in his hand.—AP Picture.

Schuman Plan Realised

6 Nations Agree To Pool Their Coal And Steel

Paris, Apr. 17.

The Foreign Ministers of six European nations agreed tonight on the terms of a treaty pooling their coal and steel in one of the greatest economic projects in European history.

The agreement, reached after four days of meetings, came just 22 days short of a year after French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman first suggested such a pool.

The Ministers are due to sign the treaty tomorrow. It will then have to be ratified by the Parliaments concerned.

A final session has been arranged for Wednesday morning (10 a.m. GMT; 7 p.m. HK time) for approval of the final treaty text, being drafted tonight by experts from the six nations—France, West Germany, Belgium, Italy, Holland and Luxembourg.

Although no official announcement was made of details, conference sources said the agreement reached tonight would form the pool along these lines:

A nine-man high authority will be chosen, without regard for their nationalities, to operate the mines and mills of the six nations.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The six Foreign Ministers will form a Council of Ministers to keep the pool in touch with the participating governments, and to supervise high authority decisions that touch on political matters.

Germany and France were given powerful influence in this Council by an agreement that any Council decision would have to have a least a four to two vote, with the four including at least one country producing more than 20 percent of the total pool production. Only France and Germany meet this percentage requirement.

An international assembly will be formed from Parliaments of the participating nations, to act as the pool's legislature.

A Consultative Committee of producers, consumers and workers will be set up to advise the pool authorities.

A court will be formed to settle disputes.

The pool is designed to stretch across national boundaries and eliminate trade barriers in the US$4,000,000,000 coal and steel business of the 150,000,000 peo-

MacARTHUR LEAVES HONOLULU

San Francisco, Apr. 17.

General MacArthur was over the Pacific today winging toward one of the greatest celebrations the United States has ever held for a returning war hero.

The General's private plane, Bataan, left Honolulu International airport at 7.30 p.m. GMT, bringing Gen. MacArthur home for the first time in 14 years. It was due at the International Airport here at about 4.50 a.m., GMT Wednesday.

The weather bureau at San Francisco airport said the Bataan would have to make an instrument landing if the present flight conditions prevail. A forecast indicated that there will be an overcast up to 4,700 feet over the city when the Bataan arrives.

The landing of the Bataan on the mainland will be a signal to touch off nationwide celebrations. A realistic rehearsal was held at the field earlier in the day with even the Press playing out its role. An army band went through their spaces exactly as planned for the arrival of the general. A commercial transport winged in to simulate Gen. MacArthur's plane and a lieutenant-colonel took an "ovation" as the general. Every detail of arrival was double-checked and pronounced ready.

Searchlights will crisscross the sky and church bells, factory whistles and motor horns will signal the arrival of the general. An honour guard equipped with two cannon and ammunition for a 17-gun salute is standing by for the military pageant on the general's arrival.

Governor Earl Warren of California will be on hand to welcome the general for the state. Mayor Elmer Robinson is to extend the city's greetings.

Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, Commander of the Sixth Army, is to greet the 71-year old Hero of Bataan as representative of the Secretary of Defence, George Marshall.—United Press.

New Move For Peace In Korea

Arab-Asian Group's Request To Envoy

Lake Success, Apr. 17.

The Arab-Asian group requested the Indian ambassador to Communist China, Sardar Panikkar, to sound out the Peking government on whether it was prepared to talk peace with the United Nations and urged him to convey to the Chinese the group's belief that the time had come for them to make "some concessions towards a settlement of the Korean war," high diplomatic sources said on Tuesday.

These sources also said the Asiatic group received assurances that the United States was willing to resume negotiations for a settlement along the political line of the 38th Parallel.

The decision to resume contact with Peking through Indian channels was taken at the group's secret meeting on Sunday. The group decided the time was ripe for China to make concessions because the Asiatics were persuaded that the United States did all it could to create the right climate for a resumption of peace talks. The consensus of opinion on the Asiatic combination was that the dismissal of General MacArthur helped to create a favourable atmosphere for the peace talks.

INDIA'S OVERTURE

These sources believed that decision of the Asiatic group caused the comment in New Delhi on Tuesday by an External Affairs Ministry spokesman that India had asked China about its reaction to General MacArthur's dismissal with a view to determining whether the situation was ripe for new peace feelers.

They said that in order to maintain their efforts within the scope of the United Nations, the Asiatics asked Panikkar to convey to the Peking government the opinion that it should reply to the peace message sent two months ago by the United Nations Good Office Committee and to which no reaction whatsoever has been received.

The group had no chance to meet again since receipt of the North Korean "peace offer," but may do so later on Tuesday or on Wednesday.

PEKING MESSAGE

Top diplomatic sources revealed tonight that the Indian delegation had received a message from Peking concerning the Asian group's efforts to resume negotiations with Red China for settlement of the Korean war. The sources were unable to reveal the contents of the message, but it was understood the chief Indian delegate, Sir Benegal Rau, will communicate it to the Asian-Arab group at a meeting called for Wednesday morning in his New York apartment.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

MacArthur Day—Of Test

NEW York's preparations to welcome General Douglas MacArthur with the biggest demonstration in history, culmination of lavish displays elsewhere in the United States, herald the greatest danger which threatens as the result of the sensational dropping of the Far East pilot by President Truman. As long as immense public acclamation is regarded as a richly deserved tribute to one of the great captains of history, and no more, apprehensions need cause no loss of sleep. But an arrangement providing that New York's celebrations will succeed General MacArthur's appearance before a joint meeting of Congress serves its own warning. General MacArthur has gone from the military scene, but the temptation to enter quite openly into the political field must be great indeed.—American party passions have already been raised to fever heat, MacArthur adherents have permitted small illusions about their intentions, and the political effects seem certain to last long and spread wide. All that can be hoped is that, despite the wave of anger created by dismissal of a national hero, those challenging the Administration will, in this era of world crisis, tread warily. With that in mind, it is permissible to endorse the wisest remark to emerge from this unfortunate affair. It comes from that equally outstanding military commander, General Eisenhower, who hopes that MacArthur "will not return to the United States and become a controversial figure." It would be a grave misfortune if the United States were to be rent in twain by a raging campaign centring on the great proconsul and the events which led to his dismissal. Not only would it be a serious hindrance to the proper conduct of the Korean war, or attempts to achieve settlement by negotiation should Peking come to its senses, but reaction would be disturbing in regions in danger of further Soviet ventures into satellite aggressions. Additional menace is that an unrestrained political feud in America could provoke a breach with Britain. MacArthur's friends are already saying bitterly that Britain is largely responsible for the fall of their hero, a charge based upon the alarm voiced on both sides of the House of Commons as and when MacArthur's indiscretions became public property. Anything suggestive of disharmony would be disastrous. Differences between Britain and America in the Far East are wide enough as it is. Our recognition of the Peking regime fifteen months ago, a Bevin bid to make the best-of-a-bad-job,—caused the State Department to look down its nose. Our quite different approaches to the problem of settling Formosa's future may not be sufficient to imperil the conclusion of an early peace treaty with Japan, but we cannot afford to allow room for real misunderstanding. Rather, the vital thing is to remove all causes of disagreement and to bring Britain and the United States closer together, a pursuit likely to run into serious difficulties should General MacArthur's advocates stampede irresponsibly against the Truman Government, and especially so should the General venture into active encouragement. Much will depend, for that reason, on the tone and nature of MacArthur's justification address to Congress tomorrow. Its effect on public opinion in America could be calming—or chaotic. Highest hope is that he will take as a guiding principle that even if politicians failed the old commander they must not fail the new.

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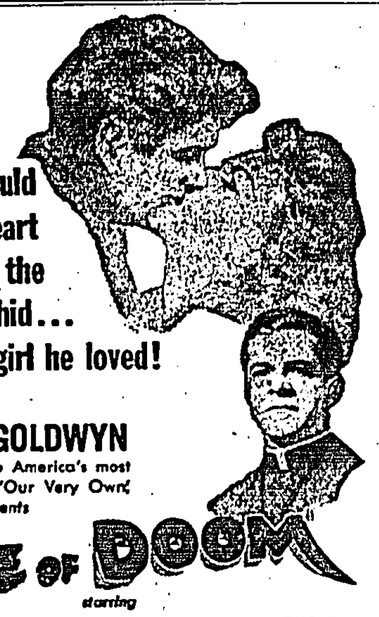
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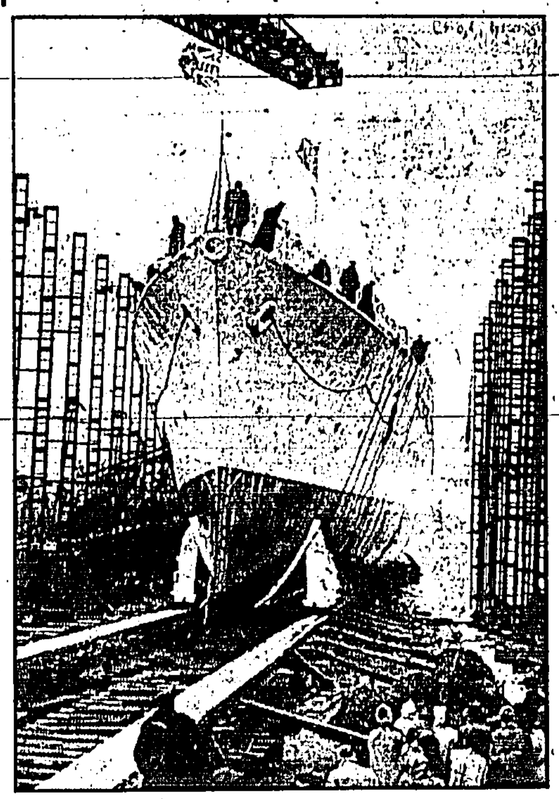

The seventh of the Daring class of destroyers; HMS Duchess, slides down the slipway at Thornycroft's Southampton yards after being launched by Countess Mountbatten. The destroyer's main armament consists of six 4.5-inch guns and she will also mount six other guns and two torpedo tubes.—AP Photo.

Dr Malan Defends New Voting Bill

Capetown, Apr. 17.

Dr Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, told Parliament today that the Bill to remove coloured voters from the common roll and give them separate European representation was not robbing them of their voting rights.

He was speaking in the House of Assembly in the resumed debate on a motion of the Minister of the Interior, Dr T. E. Donges, for leave to introduce a Bill to provide separate Parliamentary representation for Europeans and non-Europeans.

"The coloureds are not being robbed of their voting rights. They will still have the right to use their votes in constituencies allotted to them, just like any other voters," Dr Malan said.

The individual voting rights of the coloured people would remain just as they were. The change that would be brought about by the Bill lay in the fact that while the individual voting right of the coloured people would remain unchanged, the relative power of the coloured vote compared with the power of the European vote would be reduced in proportion to what it was before.

All that the coloured people would surrender would be the holding of a balance between two sections of European voters in any constituency.

The Government did not regard the South Africa Act as valueless with the disappearance of the validity of the entrenched clauses. "On the contrary, we attach the greatest value to the South Africa Act. I shall tell you why.

"It is true that Parliament is sovereign, but we recognise that Parliament is not the only and the highest sovereign authority. There is another sovereign power in the country higher than Parliament and it is the people and the people's will.

GREATER POWER

"Every five years the sovereign Parliament has to bow to the sovereignty of the people. We recognise that sovereignty," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Malan said: "Therefore, if there was an important matter touching the South Africa Act, the Government would not depend only on the sovereignty of Parliament. It would look to the greater sovereign power, the will-of-the people.

"Therefore in this matter the Government has twice declared before a general election that an election campaign would be held on the question of the coloured vote.

"Another important matter is the Nationalist Party's campaign for a Republic. The Party has laid it down in their programme of action that because of its importance, the higher sovereign power should be recognised in this matter."

The Prime Minister added: "Therefore Parliament should not ordinarily take such a decision. An appeal should be made to the people, who have to vote decisively in its favour."—Reuter.

De Gasperi Wins Vote In Chamber

Rome, Apr. 17.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight overwhelmingly defeated a Communist and left-wing attempt to overturn the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi's, recently formed Cabinet.

By 308 votes to 154 it rejected a motion by the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, condemning the Government and demanding "radical changes in policy."

Winding up the three-day debate, Signor de Gasperi indicated that his sixth successive Cabinet, reduced for the first time to only two parties, may be overhauled in two months' time, after important municipal and provincial elections.

Three left-wing Social Democrat Ministers pulled out of the Coalition two weeks ago to allow their party to unit with a left-wing Social Democratic grouping in preparation for these elections. This left the Cabinet Coalition consisting of representatives of the massive Christian Democrat Party and of the small Republican Party.—Reuter.

U.S. ENVOY AT KREMLIN

Moscow, Apr. 17.

The United States Ambassador to Russia, Admiral Alan G. Kirk, today called by appointment on the Soviet Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Valerian Zorin.

An American Embassy spokesman said that Admiral Kirk talked with M. Zorin about routine matters.—Reuter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PROBE U.S. POLICIES

Wide Powers For Bipartisan Body Are Envisaged

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee today approved a resolution ordering a complete investigation of United States Far Eastern policy including the dismissal of General MacArthur.

Senate Democrats have already promised to co-operate in the inquiry springing from President Truman's ouster of General MacArthur from his Supreme Command. But there may be some argument over the mechanics of the task.

As endorsed by Republican Senators, the inquiry would be conducted by a special 24-man bipartisan committee chosen from both the House and the Senate and charged with proceeding on the broadest possible basis.

Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican), sponsor of the proposal, said he would ask the Senate later in the day to give its unanimous consent to the undertaking. He envisaged the inquiry as paralleling the work of the special committee which in 1945 spent months investigating the Pearl Harbour disaster.

The committee's orders would be to make a "complete evaluation of United States policies in the Far East and their relation to the foreign and military policies of the United States as a whole."

The special committee would consist of 12 House and 12 Senate members, with two Democrats and two Republicans coming from each of the standing committees on Foreign Relations, Appropriations and Armed Services.

Some Democrats indicated they might object on grounds that the job should be left to the regular committees instead of to a special group.

FULL LIBERTY

Senator Ferguson told reporters the committee would be at complete liberty to carry its inquiry into the field by an on-the-spot survey in Asia. The investigators would likewise be enabled to subpoena witnesses, documents and other material.

The resolution would have to be approved by both the House and the Senate to authorise the inquiry.

The MacArthur discharge had previously resulted in plans for investigations by the Senate Armed Services Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee and perhaps by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Ferguson's move, however, seemed an effort to bring the whole job under one tent for an inquiry which many Republicans have sought for years. Mr Ferguson played a major role in the post-war Pearl Harbour investigation.—United Press.

Korean Peace Prospect

Athens, Apr. 17.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, said here tonight the U. N. action in Korea was a warning against any future aggression anywhere in the world.

Speaking at a Government State dinner, Mr Lie said, "There can be no nobler cause than to save world peace.

"I hope that the influence of conciliation will bring about a cease-fire in Korea although I do not know how soon it will come . . . ."

"We are learning that the U.N. can develop collective security despite all obstacles: that it offers the best means in most cases for alleviating tensions and achieving peaceful settlement of disputes without war: that it is the right road to a worldwide long-range programme of technical and financial assistance for economic development."

Mr Lie admitted that there had been no results from his appeals to Prague and Moscow for approximately 28,000 Greek children abducted by Communist guerillas.

Mr Lie said, "I shall continue to appeal to the Eastern European nations through every available channel to look upon the question of the abducted children as one of simple humanity transcending and separated from all ideological and political issues."

RED AGENTS

Omar Josefe of Mexico, United Nations Balkans Commission chairman, said at a luncheon earlier that the Commission has received reasonably conclusive evidence which confirms the existence of training schools for Greek guerillas in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Communist agents continue to filter into Greece from Albania and Bulgaria, Mr Josefe said.

He said UNSCOB observers are unable to see any sign of aggressive Greek intentions along the Bulgarian and Albanian borders. — Associated Press.

They Get Paid From The Air

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 17.

More than S$60,000,000 in payrolls had been dropped to workers in tin mines and on rubber estates in Malaya by the Kuala Lumpur Flying Club since it started the pay-drop service in 1948.

The club is now serving more than 60 mines and estates in Malaya. The pay-off method was hit upon because of the difficulties of trying to deliver payrolls by land owing to Communist terrorist activities.—Associated Press.

Honeymoon In Lighthouse

Singapore, Apr. 17.

There's nothing like two being alone on a honeymoon.

Cyril Galistan, a lighthouse keeper, married Miss Molly Jacob. He took her to the Sultan Shoal Lighthouse for their honeymoon. — Associated Press.

No Delay In Japanese Peace Treaty

ACHESON OPINION

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told a Press conference today that there was a strong desire on the part of the United States and all other interested governments to get on with the Japanese peace treaty as quickly as possible.

In response to a question whether he thought recent developments in the Far East would delay the Japanese peace treaty, Mr Acheson said he certainly did not.

He had no plans to attend the joint meeting of Congress on Thursday to hear General MacArthur's speech. He doubted if General MacArthur would clear his speech with the State Department before delivering it.

Mr Acheson said North Korea's latest message to the United Nations still had not been translated except for two paragraphs and therefore he could not comment on it.

There have been reports that the message might be a "peace feeler".—United Press.

CANADA AGREES

Ottawa, Apr. 17.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said today that Canada and the United States were in general agreement on basic issues to be settled in the Japanese peace treaty.

Mr Pearson told the House of Commons that Canada had given careful study to the draft treaty circulated among Western governments by the United States and would send Washington its comments shortly. There was a broad measure of agreement on basic issues between the two Governments.

Mr Pearson expected there would be further consultations between the Governments when the United States had received comments from all the other countries. — United Press.

AUSTRALIAN WARNING

Sydney, Apr. 18.

Commenting on Mr John Foster Dulles' return visit to Tokyo, the Sydney Daily Telegraph said that the British attitude that the treaty should include China and guarantee the eventual return of Formosa was unrealistic and coloured by exclusively European considerations.

"We in this country cannot afford to blind ourselves to Red China's jackboot policies and aggressive demands," it said.—United Press.

War Surplus Scandal

Washington, Apr. 17.

Seymour Green of Los Angeles said today that he had to fight jungle and snakes to get nearly 900 Army surplus trucks out of the Philippines in 1947 but they finally netted him and four others $425,000 profit.

Green corroborated previous testimony by his brother Morris Green of Chicago before the House Executive Expenditures sub-Committee, which is investigating disposal of surplus war material. He said he bought trucks from the Surplus Property Commission of the Philippines for about $200 each. These were re-sold in the United States for as much as $5,000 each.

He testified that some of the trucks were completely covered over by the jungle and snakes infested them.—United Press.

VIETMINH ON OFFENSIVE

Saigon, Apr. 17.

Vietminh guerillas, reinforced by regular troops, intensified their attacks against French posts near Phucyen, about 18 miles north of Hanoi, capital of Tonkin, according to a French Army communique today.

French garrisons and local militia units repelled the attacks.

A French communique said French and loyal—Vietnam troops killed 39 Communist-led Vietminh rebels and captured 42 in operations throughout Indo-China on Tuesday.

The communique also said French aircraft destroyed important rebel supply bases in the region of Badong, 80 miles west of Saigon. — Reuter and United Press.

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Security Council Discusses Syrian-Israeli Border Row

Lake Success, Apr. 17.

The Security Council convened at 2024 GMT on Tuesday to take up the Syrian-Israeli dispute.

After the agenda was adopted by the Council, the President, Mr Daniel van Balluseck of the Netherlands, invited Mr Faris el Khoury of Syria and Mr Abba Eban of Israel to the Council table.

Mr el Khoury took the floor immediately and told the Council the Israeli complaints inserted in the agenda referred to firing by Syrians on civilian Israeli workers in Israeli territory. The alleged incidents occurred in a demilitarised zone which Syria does not consider Israeli territory.

Mr van Balluseck replied that the working agenda did not prejudge questions at issue and Mr Khoury moved on to deliver his speech.

The Syrian diplomat reviewed at length the sequence of events leading up to the Syrian request for Council action against Israel and charged the Tel-Aviv Government with "arbitrary, high-handed action without precedent" in expelling 980 Arabs from Baksara village on the western bank of the Jordan River in the demilitarised zone on April 2.

The Israeli actions contravened armistice agreements, the United Nations Charter and International law. He charged that the forced removal of Arabs from their homes was a "typical Zionist manoeuvre". He added that the Israeli actions made impossible resumption of normal civilian life in the demilitarised zone.

Mr el Khoury also said Syria opposed drainage works mainly because it felt that it would grant a military advantage to Israel by removing a natural strategic barrier at a time of armistice when a state of war still exists between Israel and Syria. The advantage would not work both ways because only Israel was expansionist and harboured plans of territorial expansion. It would also force Syria to maintain strong military forces on the border.

Another reason, according to Mr el Khoury, was that drainage would affect the course of the Jordan and deprive Arab land of water. He added that the demilitarised zone was Syrian territory and warned that Syria would insist, at the time of the peace treaty, that the district be returned to it. Syria wanted to have the dispute settled locally through the United Nations Commission. —United Press.

CALL TO SYRIANS

Damascus, Apr. 17.

The Syrian President today asked the people for more sacrifices for preserving Syria's independence, saying that "new aggression" was being prepared in Palestine.

In a broadcast he called upon the people to unite in what he called the present critical circumstances.

The Syrian President made his broadcast on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the end of the French mandatory regime and the United Nations order that French and British forces should evacuate Syria.—Reuter.

Persian Oil Strike Was "Justified"

TEHERAN CLAIM

Teheran, Apr. 17.

A Persian Government spokesman declared today that the strike which has paralysed the world's biggest oil refinery at Abadan was "very justified."

He told correspondents that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company had neglected the workers' "state of mind and urgent demands of the moment."

Last reports from the southern Persian oil town said that about 3,000 of the 14,000 strikers had returned to work. The refinery was still practically at a standstill.

Company labour at the international airfield in Abadan stayed away from work today and only a skeleton staff was on duty.

The Government spokesman—from the Persian Foreign Office—said that the strike was the fault of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for "neglecting the workers' state of mind and urgent demands of the moment."

The company's staff had provoked and outraged the strikers, he added, and had thus caused the subsequent disturbances in which 12 people were killed.

The spokesman said that the Government hoped, with the company's co-operation, to settle the dispute and re-establish a normal situation.

Referring to the nationalisation of the oil industry, he said that it was the result of "the unanimous desire of the Persian people and not due — as the foreign Press stated — to pressure from extremist groups or intrigues from abroad."

Nationalisation was the result of the unanimous vote of the Persian Upper and Lower Houses, he added. It reflected the Persian people's will and had no connection with foreign elements or internal pressure.

The spokesman appealed for foreign Press correspondents to inform the world objectively about Persia.—Reuter.

U.S. ASSURANCE

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told the Press today that the United States, in an aide memoire to Iran, had assured Iran that the British-American talks on the Middle East oil situation were not designed to interfere with internal Persian affairs.—United Press.

COMMIES GET A LICKING

Helsinki, Apr. 17.

The Communist Party suffered heavy losses in the Finnish Trade Union Council elections, Akau Sumau, President of the TUC, said today.

First returns showed the Communists had obtained 65 seats of 222, compared to 130 in 1949.—United Press.

RIDGWAY MOVES INTO EMBASSY

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway today moved into the American Embassy here which General Douglas MacArthur had occupied for five and a half years.

The new Supreme Commander took only a few personal belongings.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, paid his first official call on General Ridgway today. The Premier is due to visit the General again tomorrow for a conference with Mr John Foster Dulles, who arrived here yesterday as President Truman's special emissary for the Japanese peace treaty discussions.

Mr Dulles has already had one three-hour conference with General Ridgway. At this he told the Supreme Commander of America's fundamental policy on "a just and early peace treaty and developments with respect to its realisation," a Headquarters announcement said.

Mr Dulles told the Japanese today that the replacement of General MacArthur would not impede the early signing of a treaty.

He said of General MacArthur: "His lofty dynamic character has always impressed those about him and as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers he made an indelible impression upon the Japanese nation."

When he left Washington, President Truman's parting words indicated the Government's determination to "work earnestly for the prompt conclusion of an early peace treaty," Mr Dulles said.

"It is equally the determination of our national leadership, irrespective of political party. The great reforms which your nation has adopted are in American eyes a worthy and enduring monument to all who lay down their lives in the Pacific conflict.

"You may be confident that in peace the American people stand ready to extend their friendly co-operation to the end. This monument of freedom shall not crumble but shall develop in impressive grandeur."—Reuter.

Looting Of Kyaukpyu

Rangoon, Apr. 17.

Insurgents have seized and looted the town of Kyaukpyu, on Ramree, the biggest island on Burma's west coast shipping route, the Burmese Army announced today.

"A strong force of insurgents launched a surprise attack on the town on the morning of April 16 and succeeded in occupying the police station, the treasury and a civil supplies depot, which were all looted," the communique said.

It said that 20 insurgents were killed and wounded, while three Government soldiers were wounded in a day-long fight. The insurgents finally retreated, taking heavy quantities of arms and river craft.

Government reinforcements were being rushed to the area, the communique added. —Reuter.

Ryukyu Islands Development

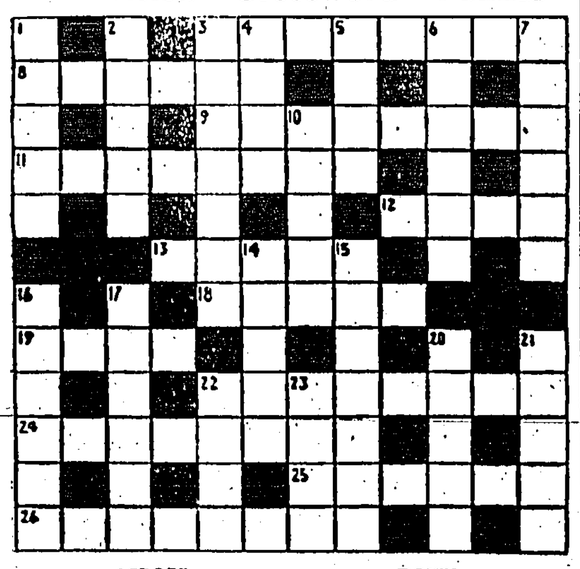
Tokyo, Apr. 17.

Details of a United States $145,000,000 construction programme now in progress in the Ryukyu Islands, off Japan, were disclosed here today by the Engineering Section of General Ridgway's Headquarters.

The construction work includes barracks, offices, quarters, shops, dispensaries, administrative buildings, communications, warehousing, port improvement and electric power generation and distribution.

(The Ryukyu chain is composed of 55 islands stretching southwest from Southern Japan nearly to Formosa. They were taken over by Japan in 1879).—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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3 Reposes.
8 Flower.
9 Extravagant.
11 Solitaire.
12 Nought.
13 Put off.
18 Appointments.
19 Fail to insert.
22 Picked.
24 Raider.
25 Show clearly.
26 Scatter.

DOWN

1 Proficient.
2 Sharpens.
3 Matured.
4 Merit.
5 Vein.
6 Colour.
7 Large cabin on ship.
10 Eight players.
14 Lost freshness.
15 Reticence.
16 Destined.
17 Fine threads.
20 Weight.
21 Reptile.
22 Certain.
23 Dregs.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Subsides; 7 Pashs; 8 Lecturer; 10 Animal; 18 Reredos; 15 Sate; 17 Portray; 18 Admirer; 20 Eyot; 21 Stirred; 26 Entire; 27 Aperture; 28 Realm; 29 Easement. Down: 1 Spear; 2 Astir; 3 Salad; 4 Site; 5 Durbar; 6 Survey; 9 Elopes; 11 Nooty; 12 Merit; 14 Scatter; 15 Start; 16 Taper; 18 Agents; 19 Models; 22 Inert; 23 Rival; 24 Deane; 25 Stem.

Somerset House Works Overtime On Census

Somerset House officials are working overtime on the 1951 Census now being taken in Britain. More than 50,000,000 people are being tabulated—for the first time in 20 years—and inquiries in connection with the lengthy questionnaires are coming in at the rate of one every 90 seconds.—AP Photo.

Russian Pilots Believed In Action Over Korea

Washington, Apr. 17.

Air officers here are becoming more convinced daily that American pilots are battling Russians in the skies over Northwest Korea.

Since the first Russian-made jets crossed the Manchurian frontier last November, the nationality of their pilots has been a mystery. Nothing definite has been announced officially. But for reasons they consider good, although not publishable, the airmen believe at least some of the MIG-15s are flown by Russians.

Figures made available today by the Air Force indicate that the Soviet-built aircraft made a fairly unimpressive showing during the five-and-a-half-month period they have been attacking American planes.

The Far East Air Force claims to have destroyed or damaged 147 MIG-15s in combat. Eleven United States planes have been shot down by Soviet fighters, according to FEAF figures. Some high-ranking officers here, however, believe FEAF has been lagging in its loss and damage announcements.

While the Air Force remains positive that American airmen have demonstrated superiority over enemy pilots, they are less prone to scoff at Red flyers than they were previously.

POOR SIGHTING

Two additional factors are believed to explain the Communists' low kill rate against American planes—gun sighting and armament. On the latter point, Air Force officers see in recent battles justification for holding on to the rapid-firing 50 calibre machine-guns. The Russian-built planes mount a 20mm cannon, a deadly weapon if it hits. Apparently it has trouble hitting.

Another possible explanation of the Red showing could be maintenance trouble. Except for last Thursday, when about 100 Red jets were flown, attacks have been made by rather small numbers.

Thursday's battle, in which two B-29s were shot down, was one of the reasons for increased regard for the Red pilots. Previously they had circled high in the sky without too much enthusiasm for tackling American planes. On Thursday, however, they pressed a vigorous attack on bombers from their "sanctuary" across the Yalu River. It was not the work of "beginners", Air Force officers said.—United Press.

Pres. Carmona Gravely Ill

Lisbon, Apr. 17.

Marshal Antonio Oscar Carmona President of Portugal, is critically ill.

A member of the President's household said tonight that although Marshal Carmona had recovered from an influenza attack he was now suffering from kidney trouble.

His doctors considered his condition critical, the Portuguese National Radio said tonight.—Reuter.

General Juin May Stay In Morocco

Paris, Apr. 17.

The French Government may order General Alphonse Juin to remain at his post as Resident General of Morocco for some months longer. It considers the Sultan of Morocco had not carried out the agreement signed on French insistence last February, usually well-informed sources said today.

General Juin was due to take up his post as Commander of Land Forces in the Central European theatre under General Dwight Eisenhower, Atlantic Supreme Commander, almost at once.

General Juin, who is now in Paris, stated last night that the Sultan had signed a number of decrees of general interest but it was admitted in official quarters that he had so far refused to sign the decrees relating to reforms that the French had wanted.

These included freely elected municipal councils, free trade unions and modernisation and unification of the school system.

According to newspaper reports, the Sultan had kept as counsellors members of the Istiqlal Party, whom under the February agreement he had promised to dismiss.

The feeling in Government quarters here is that in the circumstances it is essential that there should be no change in the post of the Resident General at the present time, and that General Juin must be given time to carry out the policy embodied in the agreement with the Sultan.—Reuter.

Protestants To Confer

Geneva, Apr. 17.

Protestant Church leaders from the Near East, Europe and the United States are to confer in Beirut from May 4 to May 8 on the refugee problem and to consider further aid by the Churches, it is announced here today.

The conference is being convened by the International Missionary Council and by the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

The conference will discuss relief plans, rehabilitation possibilities, employment and education.

Before the conference, the delegates will visit refugee camps in Jordan, Jerusalem, the Gaza coastal strip and Tyre and Sidon.—Reuter.

Reds Charge Scuttling

Geneva, Apr. 17.

The Soviet delegate accused Britain and the United States of attempting to "scuttle" the drafting of an international covenant when the Human Rights Commission met here today.

Dr D. P. Morosov, the Russian delegate, accused Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt of putting forward a proposal which was a badly camouflaged attempt to thwart the United Nations General Assembly recommendation that economic and social rights be included in the draft covenant which member nations will be asked to sign as bilateral treaties.

Mrs Roosevelt had suggested that the rights be included in general terms.

Dr Charles Malik, of the Lebanon, adjourned today's session until tomorrow so that delegates could sort out their differences by informal talks. —Reuter.

London Plea For India

London, Apr. 17.

A call for immediate steps to send grain to feed famine-threatened India was made by the News Chronicle. "Mr Acheson has urged the American Congress to speed grain to famine-threatened India," the Liberal newspaper said editorially.

"Without trespassing upon what is America's business, we may echo his appeal. In February President Truman proposed that two million tons of grain should be sent.

"Payment could be discussed afterward. Political differences in Congress have held up shipment. The people of Bihar will hardly understand these politics. They would understand and they would never forget help that came from the West to baulk death in their villages.

"Such a gesture would do incalculable good in Asia—if it were made in time," the News Chronicle added.

In the U.S., American schoolchildren have started a movement called "American Youth for India's Youth" to obtain wheat to avert the threatened famine in India.

Boys and girls from a school in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where the campaign started, are arriving in New York today to deliver to the Indian Consulate wheat purchased with their own pocket money.—Reuter.

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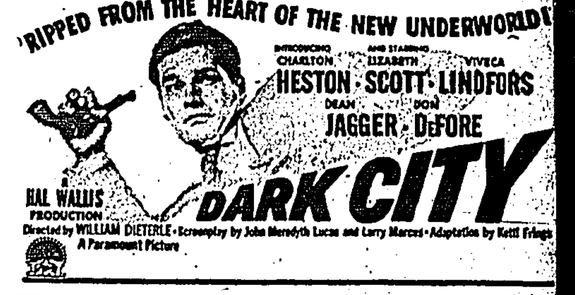

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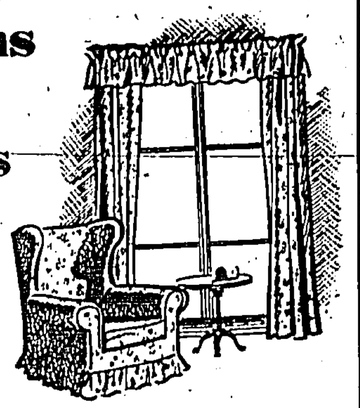

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NEW MEANINGS FOR OLD WORDS.... the language of the Communists

By John Sherwood

THOUGH there is nothing particularly difficult about the grammar and syntax of the Communist language, there is one rule which causes enormous trouble to students, the rule of the Double Meaning. Under it the key word in every sentence must have a double meaning: one for the writer who is, of course, a Stalinist, and another for the innocent reader whom the Stalinist is trying to delude.

To the ordinary person, words like "democracy" and "peace" have clear-cut and pleasing meanings. But for the Stalinist they have highly-specialised meanings which horrify ordinary people.

By using such words the Stalinist can make whole sentences say one thing and mean another. In fact Stalinese has a flexibility and richness which is found in no other international language.

Let us illustrate the rule of the Double Meaning by taking the case of the adjective "spontaneous" in the sentence: "A spontaneous outburst of indignation by the broad democratic masses."

To the average reader that conjures up a clear picture of a large number of people who are extremely angry and have said so. He is impressed and attaches importance to the spontaneously-voiced feelings of the people.

But to the Stalinist writer the word "spontaneous" means something quite different, and he will write: "A spontaneous outburst of indignation by the broad democratic masses has been arranged for next Thursday afternoon." And on Thursday afternoon the "broad democratic masses" are prevented from leaving the factories at the usual time and are herded into meetings at which a trade unionist informs them that they are indignant about something which has happened, or is alleged to have happened, in a country which they have probably never heard of.

A resolution, which is drafted in advance, is adopted, saying that the workers are so indignant that they have decided to work twice as hard as before. The whole process, organised down to the last comma in the resolution, is described as a "spontaneous outburst." "Spontaneous" is, in fact, anything but spontaneous.

Another adjective which may cause difficulty is the word "science" and its adjective "scientific." Most people have a respect for scientific methods as the way of arriving at certain kinds of truth. But Stalinist "scientific" methods are aimed at suppressing the kind of truth which is inconvenient.

After Stalin's victory over his rival Trotsky, all the official histories of the October Revolution had to be rewritten excluding Trotsky's name. The fact that he had played a leading part in the Leningrad rising became inconvenient when he was officially denounced as the "betrayer of the revolution". "Betrayer of the revolution" means, of course, that he quarrelled with Stalin.

SAME IDEA

Very early after their rise to power the Stalinists discovered that the public wanted democracy, the rule of the people. Therefore, they reasoned, they must provide it, or at least claim to provide it. The expression "proletarian democracy" was introduced as a synonym for "dictatorship of the proletariat", which is Stalinese for "dictatorship by a small group."

Stalinists claim that this "proletarian democracy" was superior to the other, ordinary kind in which the people exercised their power by voting. Mussolini had the same idea when he said that his version of democracy, "accentuated democracy," was better than the other kind.

In early Stalinese the word "democracy" always had an adjective—"proletarian democracy", "Soviet democracy." This was to make sure that no one confused it with the other kind. But then came a short period when the word was used alone, and the "democratic Powers" were referred to.

When the Moscow newspaper Izvestia used that expression in 1943 it was referring to Russia's wartime allies, Britain and the United States. At that time Stalinists were anxious for people abroad to think that their kind of democracy was indistinguishable from the genuine article.

When the Big Three met at Yalta it was agreed that the peoples of liberated Europe should be helped to create "democratic institutions of their own choice." No one realised at the time that by this expression the Stalinists meant "totalitarian colonial regimes imposed by force with the help of the Soviet Army."

For a long time the Stalinists profited greatly by this misunderstanding. And when it became clear that they were not to profit any more, they put back the adjective before democracy and called their satellite states "People's Democracies."

Most people are familiar with the usual Stalinist terms of abuse. A warmonger is a person who fails to advocate appeasement of Communist aggression; a hireling is a person who is in the pay of an organisation other than the Communist party. In Eastern Europe a saboteur, a reactionary, a Trotskyite and a counter-revolutionary all mean the same thing—a person who queries any decision by the Communist authorities. Fascist and Fascist hyena have much the same meaning.

BASIC RULE

We next come to the words used in Stalinese to describe that terrifying place, a capitalist country, where everyone, from Social Democrats to archbishops, is wearing a mask to conceal his ugly motives.

Life takes place amid the drifting mists of the smoke-screens which the corrupt politicians put out to hide the fact that they are puppets of Wall Street; newspaper editors are all hirelings, so it is safer to believe nothing that appears in print; writers and artists have all given way to empty, formalistic bourgeois despair.

Almost every day, at Lake Success, New York, M. Malik or M. Vyshinsky, Soviet delegates to the United Nations, "unmask" somebody or, even more embarrassing, "expose them in all their unattractive nakedness."

The basic rule here is to suggest that Western society consists of indecency hypocritically covered up, but not adequately covered. The masks and the fine clothes must fall away at the first twitch of M. Malik's fingers.

And now for one or two vocabulary notes for the more advanced students. "Fascist Gestapo terror" is an expression used to describe the activities of the police in countries which are trying to protect themselves against Stalinist espionage, riot and sabotage. It should never, of course, be applied to the far more ruthless activities of the Soviet police. In their case the expression is: "Democratic vigilance by the organs of the popular security."

"Peace" and "War" are apt to become mixed in Stalinese. There is nothing wrong with a war if it is waged in the Stalinist interest, and a Stalinist fighter for peace can be relied upon to know which wars he is expected to look at with a blind eye. "Pacifism" is defined in the official Soviet dictionary of foreign words, published in 1949, as "a bourgeois movement opposing all wars. Mendaciously masking themselves with the slogan of pacifism the reactionaries oppose national - liberative, revolutionary, civil and other just wars."

This definition is important when considering "aggression." To commit aggression is to fight on the non-Stalinist side. Anyone who resists when attacked by Stalin's armies is an aggressor. Should a Stalinist take up arms, he conducts a "war of national liberation."

And here we come to the basic principle of Stalinism. There must be a good word for everything, however bad, for everything the Stalinists decide to do. There must be a bad word for everything, however, good, which is done by other people.

Stalinism has no moral standards except its own momentary convenience. It has no concern with the human misery which it inflicts as it seeks to gain its own ends.

This way out of the army

From NEWELL ROGERS

New York.

PRESIDENT Truman has ordered his call-up director, Lewis Hershey, to arrange intelligence tests for students about to be drafted.

If the boys do well, they win deferment.

Here is a sample question: "Of the following five numbered words, which has a meaning nearest to that of the capitalised word?

"SOOTHE: 1, Subjugate; 2, Machinate; 3, Compensate; 4, Immolate; 5, Mollify."

President Truman refuses to say what mark will keep a student out of uniform—perhaps 70 percent.

But at least the scheme has soothed the colleges. Classrooms were emptying so fast that some schools face bankruptcy.

Non-collegiate youths are far from soothed. There are angry mutters of "being soft on the doubledomes."

FOOTNOTE.—The last word of the five in the question—mollify, *meaning to appease or to soften*—appears to be the answer.

OPINION. Asked by a Daily News reporter: "In the event of war, which country would be America's staunchest ally?" four New Yorkers replied Britain. Sample reason: "Britons are too proud to accept slavery."

Two people replied Turkey: "Because of the Turkish soldiers' showing in Korea."

TRAFFIC. Even the owner of New York's most valuable private dwelling (valued at about £340,000, on Upper Fifth Avenue) may not put a private "No parking" sign at the pavement in front of it. This police ruling has been sent to the owner—tobacco heiress Doris Duke.

MYSTERY. Suspecting her husband of paying attentions to other women, Mrs Sydney Willoh shot him dead as he lay in bed reading a mystery novel "So Young to Die." Willoh was 42.

Sitting on the Fence

By .... NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE decline in the morale of British doggies was noted here recently. Since then it has been reported that an airedale was found drunk and smelling strongly of whisky after a wedding reception at Southend.

It won't be long now before the rot sets in, and dogs come home late with staring eyes and a silly smile on their faces.

Where have you been, Rover?

Pardon?

You heard the first time.

Did I?

Pull yourself together, Rover. Where have you been?

Me? Out.

I know that, Rover. But where?

Where? Oo, lots and lots and lots of places.

With whom, Rover?

Um?

Whom did you meet?

Just a lot of dogs.

What kind of dogs?

Big dogs, little dogs, hairy dogs, spotted dogs. But all jolly dogs, mind you. Jolly fine dogs.

Friends of yours?

Oo, rather. All friends. All pals. "Dear old pals, jolly old pals."

Don't sing, Rover. The neighbours will hear.

Who cares about the neighbours?

I do.

Well, I don't. Hell with 'em.

Your disreputable friends have not improved your manners, Rover.

You insulting my friends?

I shall say what I like about them.

Ooo, no you won't. Nobody's going to insult my friends. Shall I tell you something?

Yes, Rover.

I don't like you.

That'll do, Rover.

I don't like you, never did like you, never shall like you. Pompous prig. That's you.

Come along, Rover. Time for bed.

Gubbins Survey

IF the Government thinks it can compete with Old Moore Gubbins, the world-famous astrologer, in predicting disaster it will have to think again.

The Economic Survey for 1951 says that "in many ways our prospects are harsh and unpleasant."

Old Moore Gubbins, who said much the same thing in a New Year message to his readers, now says that our prospects will not only be harsh and unpleasant, but almost unendurable in every possible way.

★ ☆ ★

As the wind was blowing from the north-east on March 21 it will remain (according to O.M.G.'s observations over a number of years) roughly in that direction until June 21.

This means a bitterly cold spring and early summer with fruit crops ruined by frosts, bigger bills for fuel with less money to pay them, and another influenza epidemic.

It also means that the Festival of Britain may open in a blizzard which will drive American visitors out of the country quicker than boiled cod and parsley sauce, brussels sprouts and English coffee.

Frozen to the marrow and weakened by flu, this unhappy breed will then search the shops for warm underclothing, which will be in short supply because of rearmament.

Alarmed at the declining health of the population, and the increasing cost of free medicine, the Government will then switch factories producing war material back to making warm underclothing, just in time to fill the shops on the first day of summer.

Because of the heat, nobody will buy the warm underclothing. It will be sold to the Eskimos in exchange for whale blubber which will be included in the meat ration.

Summer will end in less than a week. Shivering citizens will then demand the warm underclothing, no longer available. About the end of July there will be another flu epidemic.

Heavy rain in August will ruin the harvest. Nobody will have any money to spend on holidays. Hotels and bars will be half empty owing to higher taxation. The national revenue will drop.

An autumn Budget will be considered to increase the falling revenue by even higher income tax. This will depress wage earners so much that they might astonish employers by asking for less money. In which case the revenue will fall even lower.

In October and November the weather will get colder, the cold war hotter, rations shorter, and fuel cuts sharper.

And so on to a happy Christmas.

Where We Eat

"One question the census-taker has asked thousands of British householders is: 'Do you eat in the kitchen?'"—*From the news.*

IF the census-taker calls at The Sea Nest, Kentish family seat of Lord and Lady Gubbins, and asks the head of the household this question his lordship, being a gentleman and a man of honour, will truthfully answer "Yes."

He will tell the common fellow that the Gubbinses not only enjoy meals in the kitchen, but that Lord Gubbins usually eats his supper of bread and cheese there, spearing pickled onions with a fork, while Lady Gubbins takes a plate of beans on toast into the dining-room and eats them reclining on the sofa, rather like the aristocrats of ancient Rome.

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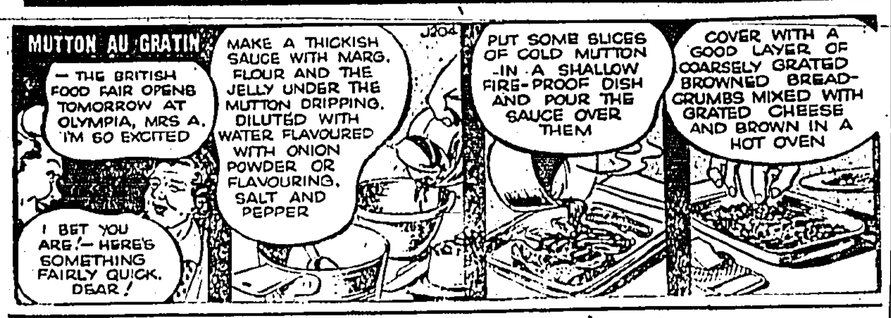
If the low-born snooper wants to poke his snout still further into the private affairs of Lord Gubbins, he might like to know that his lordship has been known to eat fish and chips out of newspapers, often has tea and toast on his desk, dropping crumbs into his typewriter; and on one occasion, in a hurry to catch a train, breakfasted in the bathroom off bread and butter and shaving soap.

—(London Express Service)

WOMANSENSE



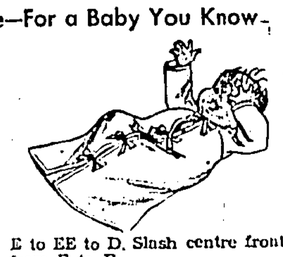
Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Wrapper of Flannelette—For a Baby You Know

MAKE a cozy wrap-up cover-all for a baby you know. The mother will be delighted and you will be proud of your efforts. One yard of fabric and a little of your time will make this wrapper. See for yourself how easy it is to cut and to sew.

Garment shown can be cut from 1-1/3 yds. double-faced canton flannel. Use white, baby blue, or pink.



At Both Ends

Straighten fabric at both ends. For ties, tear four 1" strips from one side. Fold fabric and place fold toward you. Chalk out wrapper as diagram shows.

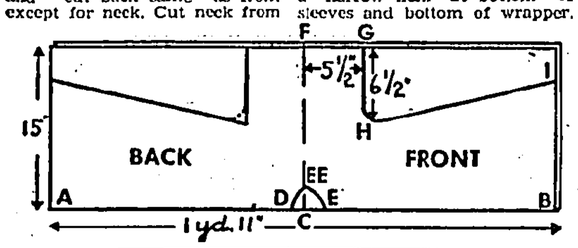
A is left-hand corner on fold B is right-hand. C is halfway between A and B. D is ½ to left of C. E and EE are each 2½" from C. F is on selvage straight up from C. G. is 5½" straight to right of F. H is 6½" down from G. I is 12" above B.

Connect G and H, H and I. Fold front over on line C—F and cut back same as front except for neck. Cut neck from E to EE to D. Slash centre front from E to B.

Tie Strips Folded

French-seam underarms. Bind neck edge. Fold tie strips lengthwise, raw edges turned in, and stitch along folded edge. Cut into 8" lengths for ties. Ties are to be caught under front hems. Beginning at neck, place 4 ties on each side, opposite each other, so they will meet and tie easily.

Stitch ties on raw edge then turn and stitch hem. Draw each free end of tie together and hold with whipping stitches. Put a narrow hem at bottom of sleeves and bottom of wrapper.



A BEAUTY RITUAL

Anoint your hands with a heavy cream. Press the palms with firmness into the flesh as you rub from the collar bones, over the base of the neck, up to the jaw lines. Throw your head back when you do this, but keep the muscles relaxed. Massage does not tone or restore if the fibres are tense.

While the cream remains on, have an ice friction. Then wring a small towel out of ice cold water, place over your throat, cover with a dry towel, then go to bed. The cold application will bring nourishment to cells that may be on the verge of depletion.

Don't forget that the way you carry your head has everything in the world to do with the loveliness—or lack of it—of your neck. The lowered chin means that the muscles and tissues below it are in a state of relaxation. It is only when muscles have work to do that they remain strong and resilient.

When making-up your face, do not neglect to powder your ears and your neck. If the neck has a dingy appearance because of the friction of scarves and coat collars, use a bleaching cream now and then.

Wardrobe Witchery

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

SHOWN today is a winsome little hat and matching ascot of red and white tie silk. This is a nice way to brighten up a dark suit and to give the costume a hint of spring. The head-hugging cap has one part of the brim turned up, the other part down, and, like the scarf, is trimmed with a large pearl button. There follows a suit blouse that is really the top portion of a slip. The shirred elastic bodice is attached to a slim crepe petti-skirt. Worn with a suit, it takes the place of a blouse for after five into evening wear.

Poinsettia Plant

The poinsettia plant should be cut down after blooming, all the way to the earth. Keep the earth just moist and keep the plant in a dark, warm place for a while. It will then bloom again later on. This sounds like drastic treatment but no new blooms will come on the original stalk even if you do not cut it down and this way gives the plant a future.

DUMB-BELLS

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

It Never Pays To Be Greedy

	NORTH	
	♠ K 7 6 3 2	
	♥ A J 5	
	♦ 10 8	
	♣ 10 9 5	
WEST		EAST
♠ Q 8		♠ J 10 9 4
♥ 10 9 8 6 2		♥ K 4
♦ A 6 4 2		♦ J 9 7 5 3
♣ K 6		♣ 4 2
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A 5	
	♥ Q 7 3	
	♦ K Q	
	♣ A Q J 8 7 3	

E-W vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ 10

By OSWALD JACOBY

I THINK I have already reminded my readers of the old stock market saying: "Sometimes the bears win, and sometimes the bulls win; but the hogs never win." The same thing is true in bridge. Sometimes it is right to be optimistic, and sometimes it is right to be pessimistic. However, it never pays to be a pig.

In the hand shown today, South ran afoul of this principle and wound up nursing his wounds.

West opened the ten of hearts, and South greedily played low in dummy, hoping to win three heart tricks. Unfortunately for South, East happened to have the king of hearts.

East won the first trick with that card and promptly shifted to a low diamond. West took the ace of diamonds and returned the suit, knocking out South's only diamond stopper.

SOUTH entered dummy with a heart to take the club finesse. He felt very unhappy when West won with the king of clubs and led another diamond. The defenders thus took four diamonds, a heart, and a club, setting the contract two tricks.

South should have made his contract by putting up the ace of hearts at the first trick. The club finesse is then taken, and nine tricks are cold even though the club finesse loses. South is sure of five clubs, two spades, and the ace of hearts.

If the opponents hammer away at either red suit, they must establish South's ninth trick. If they switch to spades (or clubs), South has time to set up his ninth trick for himself.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, your partner deals and bids one heart. The next player passes, and you hold: Spades K-J-7, Hearts 10-4, Diamonds A-J-8-6, Clubs K-Q-7-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have all of the unbid suits well stopped and enough high-card strength to qualify for a sound opening bid. This is the general requirement for a response of two no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

With both sides vulnerable, your partner deals and bids one heart. The next player passes, and you hold: Spades K-J-7, Hearts 10-4, Diamonds A-J-8-6, Clubs K-10-7-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow.

• BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

IT'S easy to get by a railway crossing safely on your good looks!

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A Tennessee still blew up just before federal officers arrived. Drinks were on the house.

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The stone age, as we know it today, is about 21—and the bigger the stone, the better.

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A family of five all had mumps at the same time—a grand time not being enjoyed by everybody.

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

MANY people rightly preferred the old secret diplomacy to this new open diplomacy, with every diplomat bawling propaganda to the uninstructed.

What about secret cricket, instead of open cricket? Think of the nation-wide anxiety avoided if we never knew that Washbrook had hurt his big toe or that Bedser was scratching his elbow, and if every whisper in the pavilion were not reported and broadcast day and night. It is said that our team in Australia does not take cricket seriously. Why should it? Cricket should be a game to the people who read about and discuss it who take it seriously. The first requisites for a rational team are laughter, drink song and horseplay.

Hogwasch to the rescue

SIR, *These Persian guys use such phony English that it complexes matters for the public. When they try to put over that seesaw was played in pre-histrionic times and came over with William Roofus they may lassoo a few highbrows, but the ordinary downtown sucker wants a show, say a coupla dames on the plank, and a Bogurnitz marble organ featuring a sailor duette—Bachoven, Brams and Dibbussy to give class and rithem to the setup. You could have mirrors so as to look like it was hundreds of organs and sailors and seesaws, like we had in the big muscial "Spoon River Serrernade." These bozos oughter give us Persian glamor Ally Baba stuff with minaruet background, bandits and oorls in veiled gas-maks, and camels. To put the act over big they need a per-doocer.*

Yrs. truly,
Sol Hogwasch.

The hunt is up

THE suggested changes in the traffic regulations do not go far enough. It is not enough to make it almost impossible for a pedestrian to cross the road in safety. He should be questioned by traffic police as to why he wants to cross the road. If he can prove that he has an important reason for crossing, then he should be given a permit and told that he crosses at his own risk. But if he is crossing for fun or for some frivolous reason, such as meeting a friend or going to a theatre, then he should be ordered to stay where he is. Perhaps the frivolous crosser might be allowed to move about more freely on a Sunday morning, when there is less traffic about.

YOUR BIRTHDAY....By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

IF you are born today, you are artistic and musical. You have a dramatic gift which might be turned to advantage on the stage or screen. Even if you do not take acting up as a life work, you will be a fine public speaker and will know how to hold your audience. This can be an asset in any job.

Your ambitions are high and your attainments, if you make the best possible use of the gifts given you, can be exceptionally great. Learn to seize an opportunity the moment it appears. If you procrastinate, others may get it first.

Probably you are fond of outdoor sports. You are likely to be particularly good at swimming and might collect a few cups in competitive events. Your disposition is happy and, as a rule, you make many friends. Your quick wit and critical senses often combine to make it easy for you to imitate or even make fun of others. Use this gift on the stage—but don't use it at home or it can bring real heartache.

One warning for you! Don't wed in haste. Be sure that you know your own mind before you select your life partner. There can be considerable incompatibility ahead unless you heed this advice.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A new beginning of importance should make this day a significant one in your life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Disregard the affairs of others and attend to personal wants. Get matters under control.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Expand your personality. Put your best foot forward; get out and meet people. Get inspiration.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A newly-made friend can prove very helpful. Don't hesitate to ask a favour. It will be granted.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Keep personalities out of a strictly business matter. Place a check on your emotional impulses.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A new beginning, whether it be at home in your avocation or your profession, should bring good results.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A busy day, but nothing out of the ordinary is likely to happen. Keep your nose to the grindstone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Inspirations pay well today if you use them wisely! Let brain save you muscle and brawn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—An energetic day. You will want to get a lot done. Just make sure you don't overdo things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A day which can bring joy and happiness. See that you get something very special as a reward.

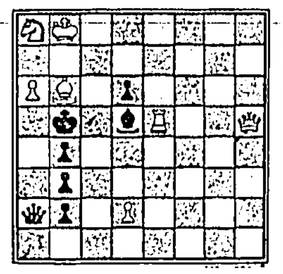
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your energy should be high. You can achieve a great deal if you get an early start on a job.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Exert your best efforts. Display your finest talents. An important individual may be watching you.

CHESS PROBLEM

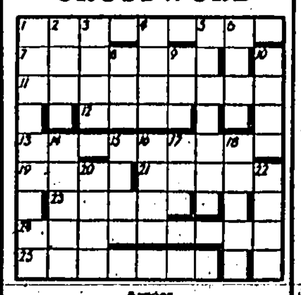
By T. SAPERA

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, R—K5, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. He is the one to bring the M.D. romance. (9)
7. A phosphate of lime of great variety of colour. (7)
11. Dwelling with the side in the middle. (9)
12. Why leave teeny to become a numerical suffix. (4)
13. Check when train is in rest. (9)
19. End of every horse bridle. (4)
21. Seek for the criminal action in the parsonage. (5)
23. Aladdin's lamp had one. (5)
24. In days gone by such a one was entitled to bear arms. (9)
25. All that makes a thing what it is. (7)

Down

1. Tragic red may be blank. (9)
2. Such a door looks inviting. (4)
3. Rod, pole or perch? I'll take the second for this. (4)
4. Help in military circles. (4)
5. Is his work done in a drawing room? (7)
6. An ache for all. (4)
8. Natural wear for a wedding. (3)
9. Three-quarters of 12 Across. (3)
10. How you came across a stirrup cup. (4)
14. The outside of sedge. (5)
15. It's 9 Down to a T. (4)
16. This way has nothing to do with the steerage. (4)
17. Exist. (3)
18. Just the one to fold his 10 down and steal silently away. (5)
20. Leonard's special glass. (5)
22. How many have no birthdays? (4)

(Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1 Teleprest, 6 Apprentice, 8 Rockets, 10 Smoke, 12 Mire, 13 Mate, 14 Amateur, 16 Lamp, 18 Ale, 19 Ascot, 20 Ale, 21 Ascot, 23 Ale, 24 Ale, 25 Ale, 26 Ale, 27 Ale, 28 Ale, 29 Ale, 30 Ale, 31 Ale, 32 Ale, 33 Ale, 34 Ale, 35 Ale, 36 Ale, 37 Ale, 38 Ale, 39 Ale, 40 Ale, 41 Ale, 42 Ale, 43 Ale, 44 Ale, 45 Ale, 46 Ale, 47 Ale, 48 Ale, 49 Ale, 50 Ale, 51 Ale, 52 Ale, 53 Ale, 54 Ale, 55 Ale, 56 Ale, 57 Ale, 58 Ale, 59 Ale, 60 Ale, 61 Ale, 62 Ale, 63 Ale, 64 Ale, 65 Ale, 66 Ale, 67 Ale, 68 Ale, 69 Ale, 70 Ale, 71 Ale, 72 Ale, 73 Ale, 74 Ale, 75 Ale, 76 Ale, 77 Ale, 78 Ale, 79 Ale, 80 Ale, 81 Ale, 82 Ale, 83 Ale, 84 Ale, 85 Ale, 86 Ale, 87 Ale, 88 Ale, 89 Ale, 90 Ale, 91 Ale, 92 Ale, 93 Ale, 94 Ale, 95 Ale, 96 Ale, 97 Ale, 98 Ale, 99 Ale, 100 Ale, 101 Ale, 102 Ale, 103 Ale, 104 Ale, 105 Ale, 106 Ale, 107 Ale, 108 Ale, 109 Ale, 110 Ale, 111 Ale, 112 Ale, 113 Ale, 114 Ale, 115 Ale, 116 Ale, 117 Ale, 118 Ale, 119 Ale, 120 Ale, 121 Ale, 122 Ale, 123 Ale, 124 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Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the great national museum in the United Kingdom.
2. Of what U.S. State is Boise the capital?
3. What was Buffalo Bill's real name?
4. Name the author of "Childe Harold."
5. Define penology.

(Answer on Page 10)

INTELLIGENCE TEST

TRUSTEE

By T. O. HARE

"THIS may interest you," said my friend Rabbitt "I was a trustee for a youngster for whose benefit an old friend bequeathed the sum of £3080, payable in accordance with a plan of his own. On the first of seven of this lad's birthdays—consecutive birthdays, that is—his trustees were to receive so many pounds exactly in respect of each year of his age. On each of the six following birthdays they were to receive, in respect of each year of his age, £5 more than the year before. The total sum, as I have mentioned already, came to £3080; the sum received on the third of the 'scheduled' birthdays was £393."

How much was paid to the trustees on the occasion of the last of the "scheduled" birthdays?

(Solution on Page 10)

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER

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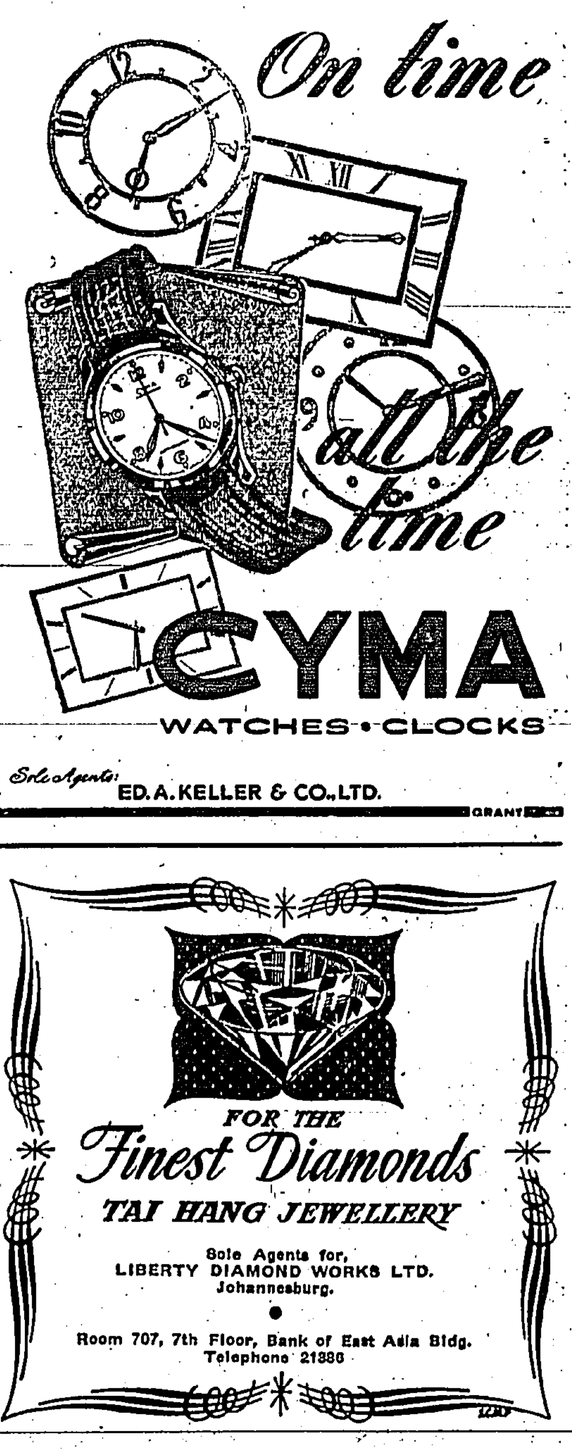

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Willy Was Learning to Knit

—He Planned to Make a Fly-Catching Net—

By MAX TRELL

"WILLY Toad!" Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name exclaimed in astonishment. "What are you doing with that armful of knitting needles!"

Willy, who was hopping briskly down the path along the edge of the Pine Tree Grove, suddenly stopped. "Knitting needles?" he said as though he had never heard of such things before. "Who? What? What do you mean, knitting needles?...Oh! These!" he said, smiling.

"Yes, those! Those knitting needles, Willy! What are you going to do with them?"

"What does everybody do with knitting needles?" said Willy.

"They knit with them, of course," said Hanid.

"That's what I'm going to do: knit with them."

"Knit what, Willy? A sweater!"

"Oh no!"

"A pair of socks?"

"I should say not. Toads don't wear socks. They don't wear sweaters either."

Intending to Knit

Hanid said she couldn't guess what Willy was intending to knit with his knitting needles. At this Willy sat himself down on a moss-covered rock (which made the rock softer to sit on), stretched his legs out comfortably and said: "My dear child, I've just come from visiting a very good friend of mine. She's one of the best knitters in the world."

"Who is she?" Hanid interrupted to ask.

"Mrs Wibbley-Webbley Spider."

"Oh!" said Hanid, adding: "Yes, she is the best knitter that anyone knows. But why do you want to knit? You're not a spider, Willy."

"Well," said Willy, "Mrs Wibbley-Webbley Spider knits nets!"

"Nets! Don't you mean webs?"

"No, I mean nets," said Willy. And they are nets. They're fly-nets. She knits her nets to catch flies in. And that's a wonderful idea.

"Because, you see," Willy hurried on, "I like flies as much as any spider. But how do I catch them? I sit on a toadstool and wait for them to buzz by. Then I snap at them. Sometimes I catch them; sometimes I don't. But unless I'm there, waiting and ready to snap at them as they buzz by, I haven't got a chance of catching them at all.

Before the Door

"But just look how much smarter Mrs Wibbley-Webbley Spider is, my dear. She knits her net and stretches it out before her door. Then she goes off and takes a nap, or bakes a pie, or wanders off to visit her friends, or reads a book, or writes a letter. The one thing she doesn't do is to sit and wait and snap.

"And so," said Willy, getting up from the mossy rock, "I'm going to knit myself a net. I'm going to nap and do those other things while the flies get themselves caught."

With that Willy smiled again, said good-bye, and started hopping off.

Hanid saw Willy with a handful of knitting needles.

"But Willy," shouted Hanid; "wait a minute! You've forgotten something!" Willy came hopping back. "Forgotten something? What have I forgotten? I've got all the knitting needles I need, haven't I?"

"But you haven't got anything to knit with. You haven't got Mrs Wibbley-Webbley Spider's silk!"

"Humph!" said Willy. "Humph!" he said again. The third time he didn't say anything. He just threw the knitting needles away and hopped off, very slowly and very sadly.

Rupert and the Castaway—21

For a long time the little boat rushes through the water as the bird flies strongly straight out to sea. Sandy Bay drops further behind, and finally disappears from sight. "Here, I say, when is this sort-of cruise coming to an end?" asks Rupert in rowing anxiety. "Oh me! Oh my!" Hour after hour passes, and at length the bird alights for a rest on the water. At once Koko, still chattering happily, loosens a cloth roll on the side of the boat and pulls it over to shut them in. "Gracious!!" gasps Rupert as the

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COLONY OPEN TENNIS

IP KOON-HONG AND GORDON LUM WIN DOUBLES FINAL IN THREE STRAIGHT SETS

By ARGONAUT

Ip Koon-hong and Gordon Lum yesterday won the 1951 Colony Lawn Tennis Open Doubles championship defeating the Tsui brothers in the final by 7-5, 7-5 and 6-1.

The victory gave Ip his "double" for the second year in succession and veteran Davis Cupper Gordon Lum his first Hongkong title.

It also marked the Tsuis' second successive failure in regaining the crown which they held for three consecutive years after the war.

Sparkling tennis was seen in the first two sets, with both sides driving forcefully and executing their killing shots in no uncertain manner.

Mainstays of the two combinations were undoubtedly Ip Koon-hong and the elder Tsui, Wai-pui. The lightning volleying and smashing rallies at the net between these two players provided the large crowd of spectators the highlights of the afternoon.

The Doubles champions, Gordon Lum and Ip Koon-hong receiving their prizes from Miss Judith Collis.

Ip showed little signs if any of the effects of his gruelling three-set singles match the previous day, and taking more than three-quarters of the shots that came over his side, gave excellent coverage to his older partner, who gradually came into the picture with craftily placed services, volleys and ground shots. For sheer brilliance, however, Tsui Wai-pui claimed full honours. His power-packed drives along the middle to this opponent's services were frequent winners, and his overhead smashes and volleys were always deadly as they were fast.

But for the handicap of a completely off-colour Tsui Yun-pui, the Tsuis might have given a much sterner resistance if not won the match. The younger Tsui started promisingly but gradually cracked up as his backhand gave way to the relentless attack of his opponents in that direction, forcing him into errors and defensive shots.

THE PLAY

Wai-pui lost his opening service but the Tsuis broke through Ip's service in the next game after four deuces to even up the score. Playing forceful tennis at this stage, the Tsuis held on to 2-2 and from 3-3 forged ahead to 4-3 on Yun-pui's service. Sizzling drives to his services, forced Lum to overvolleying and giving away a love game to allow the Tsuis to lead by 5-3. With a first-set victory in their grasp, Wai-pui and Yun-pui successively volleyed out at 30-30 and from 4-5, Ip and Lum brought up the score to 7-5 for the first set as Yun-pui supplied them with a number of defensive lobs and errors.

Each held his service in the second set until 3-3, when Yun-pui lost his without scoring any point. A series of receiver's games followed until 6-5, when Ip after being extended to deuce served through the game and second set at 7-5.

The third set saw a complete breakdown of Yun-pui in the Tsui combination and despite a gallant display by the elder Tsui ended in a run-away victory for Ip and Lum by 6-1.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr H. Owen Hughes, President of the Hongkong Cricket Club, congratulated the winners and runners-up in the Colony and Club tournaments. He said that Ip Koon-hung, who had gained considerable experience when he played at Wimbledon last year, had demonstrated that he was the indisputable Colony champion.

Miss Judith Collis then distributed the prizes, as follows:

Colony Singles Championship.—Ip Koon-hung, winner; K. C. Dao, runner-up.

Colony Doubles Championship.—Ip Koon-hung and Gordon Lum, winners; Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, runners-up.

Club Singles Championship.—M. Heenan, winner; Dr G. B. Smart, runner-up.

Men's Singles Handicap.—K. C. A. Ball, winner; R. M. MacPherson, runner-up.

Men's Doubles Handicap.—T. J. Gould and I. Agafuroff, winners; K. C. A. Ball and G. H. P. Pritchard, runners-up.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Mrs A. Tunworth and J. A. Ash, winners; Mrs W. J. Slagter and T. J. Gould, runners-up.

League Hockey Postponed

The League hockey match between Army and Argonauts "A" which was to have been played to-day will now take place at Sookunpoo on Friday, April 20, bully-off 6.30 p.m.

The Argonauts "A" team will be chosen from the following:—Lall Singh, Hewson, J. S. Dillon, C. Soqueire, Bhagat Singh, Walker, Holland, Karanjia, P. Hall, Mohinder Singh, Balwant Singh, Gurbax Singh, Sgt. Tribe, Pedro Fernando dos

The finalists in yesterday's Colony Open Doubles final. From left to right are Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yun-pui, Ip Koon-hong and Gordon Lum. Ip and Lum won 7-5, 7-5 and 6-1.—China Mail Photo.

Aces Sports Club To Promote Hongkong's Cinderella Of Sports

Boxing is the Cinderella of sports in Hongkong. While association football, basketball, softball, rugby and other sports enjoy a large following in the Colony, there has been little done to enhance the undeniable popularity of boxing.

The result has been that the manly art of self-defence has dropped in pulling power among local sporting activities.

This situation will be remedied when plans formulated by the newly-opened Aces Sports Club in Tung Lo Wan Road come to fruition.

Boxing, among other sports, is high on the list of this club's activities and a thriving boxing team is now undergoing training with a view to taking on all comers in the Colony at a later date.

Opened by Sir Arthur Morse last Sunday week, the Aces Sports Club caters for a class of people mostly ignored in the Hongkong world of sports clubs—the white-collar worker. A hundred or so of these lads have now got together and, entirely self-managed, they want to find an outlet for their talents in sponsoring boxing—a sport little heard of here.

Plans are now under way to stage a popular tournament in June under the aegis of the Club. Many popular local fighters will come along and lend their prowess with the gloves to the Club and some good, clean bouts will be seen under International Amateur rules with the referee in the ring.

Some highly desirable awards for winners and losers will be provided and the whole tournament will be staged by men with long experience in the boxing game.

Later, if the popularity of the first tournament warrants it, fighters from Singapore, Manila and other places will be seen in bouts with the pick of Hongkong's boxers.

The Club stresses the fact that, at any time, the premises of the Aces Sports Club are open to the general public of Hongkong to see the lads in training. And there are some likely fighters down there!

Announcements of the venue, fighters and officials will be announced later in the press.

League Tennis Begins On April 30

League tennis matches will this year begin on Monday, April 30.

This was decided at a meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association at the HKCC yesterday. Mr J. W. Leonard presided, and attending were the League secretaries of various clubs.

Fixtures were drawn, but will not be available until the pairings have been worked out.

Two new clubs have entered this year's tournaments. One is the Hongkong Urban Council Staff Recreation Club with a team in the men's "A" and two in the "D", the other is the Post Office Recreation Club which has entered the Men's "C" Division.

Yesterday's meeting allotted Monday to Men's "B" and Ladies' "B" games, Tuesdays to Men "C" and Mixed Doubles "B", Thursdays to men's "D" and Mixed Doubles "A" and Fridays to Men's "A" and Ladies "A".

It was agreed that if matches were postponed they would, wherever possible, be played on the first Wednesday following the postponement.

All postponements must be referred to the Association's Secretary.

Entries follow:

Men's "A".—CRC; Recreio; KCC; HKCC; HKU; HK Urban Council Staff Recreation Club, South China (3 teams).

Men's "B".—SCAA; CRC (2); Recreio; Kowloon Tong Garden City Association; KCC; HKCC; USRC; LRC; CCC (2).

Men's "C".—CRC; HRC; LRC; SCAA; CCC; Post Office Recreation Club; Recreio; Kowloon Tong GCA; KCC; HKCC; Kowloon Indian Tennis Club; USRC.

Men's "D".—CRC (2); Recreio; Kowloon Docks; KCC; HRC; LRC; HK Urban Council RC (2); SCAA; CCC.

Ladies Doubles.—KCC; CRC; USRC; LRC; SCAA.

Ladies "B".—LRC; CCC; Recreio (2); KCC; USRC.

Mixed Doubles "A".—SCAA; CRC; KCC; HKCC; LRC.

Mixed Doubles "B".—SCAA; CCC; Recreio; KCC; USRC; HKU.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 17.

Following are the results of football matches played today:

LEAGUE III (NORTHERN)

Oldham Athletic 0, Crewe Alexandra 2;

Rochdale 3, Lincoln City 0;

Southport 1, Halifax Town 1;

Tranmere R. 1, Hartlepools U. 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, DIV. I

St. Mirren 3, Motherwell 0.

Be It Soccer Or Cricket —Selectors Pass Over The Biggest Certainties

Says HAROLD MAYES

Has the time arrived when the same committee should be responsible for choosing England's Soccer and cricket teams?

If you think I'm advocating such a course, forget it right away, but there seems to be such a remarkable similarity about the methods of the two selectorial bodies that one could be excused for thinking along those lines.

Both seem to have such a happy knack of leaving out the greatest potential match-winner that some of the fellows whom one regards as virtual certainties for selection must be wondering just what they are expected to accomplish.

Right now I'm thinking of Nat Lofthouse and Roy Tattersall. Last summer Roy topped the county bowling averages with 193 wickets for 13 runs apiece. He missed initial selection for Australia, yet had to be sent for after all had been lost.

HOW TATTERSALL MISSED

Now that the Ashes victims have returned most of them feel that if "Lifeboatman Tatt" had gone as an automatic selection, as I always advocated, then the series would have turned the other way.

Everyone realises that he missed the boat because Brian Close had been chosen, and they couldn't carry two off-spinners in the side.

There were two Yorkshiremen on the Selection Committee, and it has been generally supposed they voted Close in. Yet I'm assured that the reverse was the case.

Be that as it may, I don't pretend to be able to tell you which of the FA International Selection Committee members voted for or against Nat Lofthouse as England's leader for the vital international championship match against Scotland at Wembley last Saturday. But I do suggest that those who were responsible for giving big Nat the go-by have very short memories.

I recall an afternoon at Highbury last November when the Burnden Park centre-forward, single-handed—or should I say single-footed and single-headed—prevented England plumbing deeper-than-Rio depths.

That cherished record of never having been beaten in their own country by overseas invaders would have gone by the board if Nat hadn't sneaked a couple of goals to earn a draw.

His reward was to be passed over without so much as an honourable mention among the reserves.

Perhaps it's just coincidence that both Tattersall and Lofthouse come from Bolton, or could it be that Bolton isn't a very good place to come from, whatever a player's capabilities may be?

I'm not quarrelling with the selection of Stan Mortensen, because the way he has come back to his best after a very indifferent start this season is one of Soccer's revelations, and for my money, he should have been inside to Lofthouse.

It isn't for that reason alone, however, that I was taking Scotland as clear winners again last Saturday. Emphasis in the chosen England eleven was on attack, and no one objects to that, unless there's too much of it in the half-back line. And of this Johnston-Forggatt-Wright combination, that's my contention.

True, Harry Johnston's return had been too long delayed, but are we to take it that Billy Wright had to go into the side under any circumstances? That's what Jimmy Dickinson, for whom bad games for England are non-existent, must be thinking.

And someone once said from high places that England had learned from the humiliation of Rio. Forget it. It looks as if they'll never learn.

WILLIAMS' SPEED CHALLENGE?

Challenger for speedway's match-race title held by West Ham's Australian Test ace, Aub Lawson, who ended Jack Parker's monopoly of the crown and cash bonus towards the end of last season, is now being considered.

Why considered? Obvious choice is world champion Freddy Williams. The Welshman, of course, would not be able to ride the second leg of a match race before Wembley, his home track opens in the middle of May.

Will the Speedway Control Board, therefore, decide not to stage the first match-race until next month? That is my guess, for, after all, the first "match" without the world champion would be a hollow affair.

Although the Road Time-Trials Council may be happy at the moment about their snub to the National Cyclists Union and the British League of Racing Cyclists—they refused negotiations on road racing unity—they may not be so happy if they continue to bury their heads in the sand.

I gather that the other two bodies are likely to reach agreement fairly soon, and that the BLRC will probably be prepared to confine their future programme to events they have already established in return for other considerations from the NCU, such as allowing their members to take part in NCU track and road events.

Which could mean the RTTC becoming the Retired Time-Trials Council.

GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD SPORTS STADIUM

As it is Government's intention to build a Sports Stadium on the Causeway Bay Reclamation, Government is not in a position to state whether financial assistance by way of a loan can be given to the South China Athletic Association to construct grandstands.

This information is contained in a letter from the Colonial Secretary which was read at the monthly Council Meeting of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday.

The letter was in response to a petition to Government requesting a loan of $1,500,000 towards expenses for the construction of a stadium at Caroline Hill.

In his letter, the Colonial Secretary said that the matter had been considered by the Governor-in-Council and that Government itself intended to build a stadium on the Causeway Bay Reclamation.

While Government was not in a position to state whether financial assistance by way of loan could be given for the construction of grandstands, it would be prepared to consider any modified proposals which might be made in the matter.

Mr J. Skinner, Chairman of the H.K.F.A., said that it would be some five years hence before the stadium on the Causeway Bay Reclamation would be ready.

The Association, said Mr [illegible] were also considered about what was going to happen in the meantime. For this reason, it was decided to seek an interview with the Colonial Secretary on the subject as originally intended.

A letter from the Singapore Football Association submitting draft rules for the "Aw Hoo" Cup Interports was also read and referred to the Interport Sub-Committee.

A Sub-Committee comprising Messrs J.C. Guimgam, J.F. Ennis and Henry Fung was appointed to make recommendations as to the disposal of funds derived from the International Charity Cup Competition.

An application by the Kwong Wah Football Club for permission to play games in Macao on April 28 and April 29 at the invitation of the Macao Football Association, who had also sent a telegram to the H.K.F.A., was [illegible]

Henry Longhurst on GOLF

"GENERAL POST"

London.

It appears that women's golf in the coming season will be something in the nature of an international "general post."

In July we are to entertain for six weeks the first half-dozen American women professionals, and at the end of their stay five of our own leading players, under the cheerful captaincy of Mrs John Beck, will set off for the rigours of a three-months' tour in South Africa.

As to the women professionals, in this country, as yet, there "ain't no such creature," so our guests are to be offered some ready-money coconuts at which to shy in the "Daily Graphic" tournament, while the rest of the field contend for the canteens of cutlery and handsome chiming clocks which are the traditional reward of the unpaid. Afterwards they will proceed to Ganton, near Scarborough, where with six British men professionals as foursome partners they will play all-against-all to decide the distribution of £1,000.

OMINOUS ITEM

An ominous item reaches me from America that the Ladies' Golf Union here is "battling with the idea of joining in sponsoring the first Women's Open in Great Britain." For "battling with," read, I trust, "battling against."

In the States women's professional golf is, for the handful, a great success. They have a 7,500 dollar championship and innumerable 3,000 dollar tournaments. Already, however, the root of all evil is raising its ugly shoots and souring the ground.

One girl has gone home to Chicago in tears, complaining that the amateur tournaments used to be fun, but now the girls are so eager to get a professional contract that they won't even help each other when off their game. "Maybe it's golf," she observed, "but it isn't pleasure, and I'm going back home, where once in a while you hear pleasant words."

Nevertheless, it will be an unmixed pleasure to see again over here two ex-champions whom we knew as amateurs—the petite, frail, raven-haired Louise Suggs, so unlike the common conception of a woman athlete; and the unique, redoubtable javelin and discus-thrower, wrestler, diver, would-be boxer, Olympic runner and jumper, and undisputed queen of the golfing castle, Mrs Mildred Zaharias.

SEVERE SENSE

Among her other achievements Mrs Z. wrote a most commonsensical, if somewhat severe, book on golf. This includes a phrase I have always admired as crystallising so much of the game's philosophy, namely "The ball won't move till you hit it, and there's nothing you can do for it after it has gone."

With the Americans, we may trust, will come the two young Bauer sisters, whose photographs, taken from ground level with a strong yellow filter to bring out the contrasts, are so largely responsible for the American magazine public's rose-coloured impression of women's golf. How long their bare legs and microscopic white shorts will survive the Ganton gorse and a sharp nor' easter off Scarborough Head is, however, another matter.

Nor will Aunt Mildred, I fancy, recommend skirts. When she donned one for the 1947 championship final, she has recorded, "the wind which came in from the sea and fanned across Gullane nearly froze me." So at lunch time she changed back into her blue slacks, "quickly took command of the match"—and has worn the trousers ever since.

Britain Prepares For Olympic Soccer

London, Apr. 17.

Britain is already discussing preparations for her quest of soccer honours at next year's Olympic Games at Helsinki.

It is certain that she will not enter the competition this time under such a short-termed policy of preparations as she did when she was host for the last Games.

In 1948 Great Britain's amateur footballers were mustered scarcely a month before the Games opened. Many of them had not even seen each other before, far less played with each other as a concerted unit.

But the lessons have been learned and duly noted.

Just as those who are concerned with Britain's showing in the field and track events are evolving a programme of training and practical preparations, so are those who are going to be responsible for Britain's soccer challenge, looking ahead.

ONE SCHEME

One scheme already mooted is that the leading amateur players in the four home countries shall be invited to take a special course this summer in between seasons.

Tactics could be studied and planned, and then put to practical test when the new football season opens. Such a course would also be an ideal introduction for the amateurs to the unaccustomed demands of professional training and outlook.

One realises the initial surprises that await an amateur footballer when he is suddenly immersed in the routine of professional technique and planned training.

It is a "break" that cannot be undertaken too precipitously if results are to be obtained that will justify the change. To take such a course this summer might mean that some of those who are in the running for the Olympic soccer honours would have to sacrifice their annual holidays. Britain has never been short of athletes who were willing to do this.—Reuter.

RASC III Win LEP Table Tennis Final

R.A.S.C. III emerged champions of the L.E.P. Table Tennis Championship yesterday at the Union Jack Club, by beating R.A.M.C. I by 11 points to 10.

Colonel H.E.M. Cotton, I/C Administration HQLF, presented the awards to the winners.

Capt J. Hillary, D.C. 56 Coy RASC, accepted, on behalf of the winning team, the "Major Soper" Challenge Cup" which denotes table tennis supremacy among the Locally Enlisted Personnel.

Following were the results with RASC first:

Singles.—Mok Lun lost to Lam Chuen-kee; Leung Chuen beat Lo Siek-kwan; Chiu Tip-kan beat Man Chuen; Leung Wah beat Tsui Chip-chuy; Wong Lee-chuen beat Kwan Kee.

Doubles.—Mok Lan and Leung Wah beat Lam Chuen-kee and Lau Siek-kway; Leung Chuen and Tang Kaw-chuen lost to Lam Kwan-kee and Wong Mao-cheung.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 17.

The following were the results of rugger games played today:—

RUGBY UNION:

Exeter O, Abervavon 8.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Liverpool Stanley 12, Belle Vue Rangers 8.—Reuter.

PONG PIU WINS SNOOKER SEMI-FINAL

Pong Piu, the Colony's unofficial billiards champion, further enhanced his reputation as the Colony's leading cueist yesterday with a convincing four-frame win over Lam Cho-chai in the first semi-final of the Colony's Open Snooker championship.

Displaying marked all-round superiority, and uncanny accuracy, the favourite for the first postwar snooker title was never seriously extended except in the third frame of the match. The scores were 48-34, 69-40, 56-49 and 47-30.

Left-hander Lam was a good loser and contributed his share of the night's bright billiards which was completed in the rapid time of two and a half hours. Lack of accuracy and inaccurate control of his cueball were his conspicuous defects, but showed superior cut shots to his opponent's. The highest break of 20 for the match was scored by Lam towards the end of the last frame.

TONIGHT'S SEMI-FINAL

Chee Che-liang, prominent Shanghai player and conqueror of "Spotty" Pereira will be seen in action again tonight in his semi-final match against H. J. Soeby of Royal Naval Dockyard.

Chee went easily through his first three rounds of the tournament by convincing three-straight-frame victories and his recent win over Pereira, places him as a strong challenger to Pong Piu in the final. Chee is expected to win tonight's match, but the Dockyard champion Soeby, can be in devastating form when his spectacular shots get going.

EXHIBITION MATCH

An exhibition match will be held tomorrow at the badminton hall of the Kowloon Cricket Club between "Sporty" Pereira and K. C. Hoo. Both are reputed for their bright snooker and spectacular shots. The match will be best of seven frames, and admission will be free of charge.

Ladies' Match Off

The final trial match to select the Rest team to meet the Champions of the Ladies Hockey League which was arranged to be played at Recreio ground to-day at 6.45 p.m., has now been cancelled.

THE GAMBOLS

The Unfinished Grand National Symphony

By PETER WILSON

In answer to overwhelming requests—well, three letters, a phone call, and a couple of chaps in the local—I have great pleasure in trying to elucidate two mysteries which seem to have been puzzling the great British Sports Public for the past few days.

No. 1 query, from non-racing experts, is: "What would have happened if none of the horses had finished in the Grand National?"

Answer — from the greatest racing authority I know. "Hypothetical racing questions are always difficult to answer, but the race would have been declared void. As there are only two more meetings at Liverpool this year—from November 7 to 10 and on December 5-6—it's unlikely that it would have been postponed to then, and it couldn't very well have been put on another date as the racing calendar is already full.

"Most likely decision would have been that the 43 horses which remained in when the entries closed on January 2, 1951, would have had their stake money returned."

SAVED BY THE BELL

Query No. 2 from non-boxing experts, some of whom were watching the sport for the first time on TV:—

"How could Jimmy Parsons become the miners' middleweight champion when he was clearly knocked out?"

Answer—from me. Because almost as Jimmy landed on his "Parson's nose," out to the world, the bell ending the contest sounded.

Parsons was well ahead on points then and what happens after the final bell cannot possibly affect the verdict.

It's the same as a 100 yards race. The winner is the man who first breasts the tape, and even if the second runner passes him with the very next stride the result cannot be affected.

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Department of masterly understatement. After Ray Robinson had knocked out the Atlantic City middleweight Don Ellis in 90 seconds Ellis made the following considered statement: "I made a mistake—by entering the same ring as Robinson."

—(London Express Service)

STEPPING HIGH

University of Southern California's forward, Don Eby (10), scores a basket in Los Angeles as Jim Walsh (4), Stanford University, tries to break the play. The final score in the hotly-contested game was USC 72, Standford 45.

COCKELL TO FIGHT FREDDIE BESHORE

By GEORGE WHITING

London.

Next opponent for Cruiserweight Champion Don Cockell is to be the American heavyweight, Freddie Beshore. They meet over 10 rounds at Harringay on April 24—and if Beshore weighs more than 13 st. 3 lb. it will cost him £200.

The match was finally made over the transatlantic telephone after what promoter Jack Solomons describes as the "most difficult deal I've had for years. I must have telephoned New York a dozen times."

Negotiations were begun when, having found that none of the USA's rated cruiserweights was available, it was decided to switch to a heavyweight.

Beshore normally fights at 13st. 3lb. John Simpson, Cockell's manager, stipulated a limit of 13st. Then, just to complicate matters Beshore signed for another fight in his own country on April 28 four days after he was needed here.

All these difficulties have not been overcome. Beshore has postponed his US fight, and has agreed to a novel scheme of weight forfeits on a sliding scale of £50 for every pound he weighs over 13st.

Over 13st. will cost him £50; over 13st. 1lb., £100; over 13st. 2lb., £150: over 13st. 3lb., £200.

REFUSES TO FLY

Beshore has refused to fly to England. He leaves New York in the Queen Mary on April 14, and with him will be the USA ace trainer Whitey ("Stetson") Bimstein.

California-born Beshore is not now among the U.S. top 10. But, in the last nine months, he has fought two world title winners—Ezzard Charles and Joe Louis—without being knocked off his feet.

Eighteen rounds against Charles and Louis, however, will assuredly have removed some of his steam.

Records to date: Cockell: Won 47, drawn one, lost eight. Beshore: Won 28, drawn two, lost nine.

—(London Express Service)

John Macadam's Column

FA KEEP WATCH ON STARLETS

London.

Long have we been beating about the head the football executives of Britain about their lack of intelligent interest in that nursery of the national winter game, Schoolboys' Soccer, and behold, we are hoist with our own bete noir.

It has been the view that there wasn't the necessary combing of the various Soccer ranks in this country as there is on the Continent: nothing could be further from the truth, as the Schoolboys' England v. Wales match at Wembley proved so exquisitely.

There are more than a quarter of a million schoolboy footballers registered in this country and you can take it from here that the combing is done with fine teeth.

For 46 years the English Schools (this goes also for Scotland, Ireland, and Wales) Football Association has been—with full Football Association affiliation of course—running its own council with 13 divisional representatives dashing about in strictly geographical circles scrutinising all and sundry and reporting thereon.

The schoolboys start by playing in their school teams. From these they are graded into local association sides that compete in a national trophy competition.

From this competition, drawing on some 450 associations, emerge two sides in the North and two sides in the South. Committees of five watch both matches and a North v South match eventuates. From that match comes England versus The Rest and from that match comes the national team.

THE BACKBONE

It would be a carefully-concealed embryonic Matthews or James who could escape all this lynx-eyeness.

Backbone of all this? The headmasters of the schools who organise and direct their own school football, travel with their boys, dip their hands in their own pockets and act honorarily as coaches, scouts, trainers and guides to the teeming masses of young players.

Each one of the boys who travelled from such diverse spots as Derbyshire and Cardiff was accompanied by one of his teachers — accompanied as all the above-mentioned and also as a friend and a fan.

They were paid expenses, all of them to the association and they were dined and Palladium theatred after the match at the expense of the association—"smashIN" said one 15-year-old Welshman when we asked him what he thought of the show—and, one way and another, it is clear that the FA is clearly aware of what they have in the making.

FRONT-RANKERS

Walter Winterbottom, mainly concerned with the management of first-rank England professional sides, is enthusiastically behind their production and their tremendous potential.

The other day we mentioned off-hand six players who have emerged into front-rank from this football. Later advices from ESFA secretary indicated that there are more than a hundred to put it at a conservative estimate.

Last year there was an FA summer course for masters. This summer there will be two. That will probably prove insufficient, so great has become the impetus.

It was never like this when Gourock Central Higher Grade Former Pupils (Second Eleven) were a power in the land.

Next date: v Scotland at Chesterfield. May 5.

—(London Express Service)

Louis-Savold Fight Discussed

New York, Apr. 17.

A 15-round bout between former world champion Joe Louis and the present British recognised heavyweight champion, Lee Savold of New Jersey, U.S.A., is being discussed for next June, said Harry Markson of the International Boxing Club here.—Associated Press.

THREE COMMISSARS GO TO THE PICTURES

By STEPHEN COULTER

CANNES.

Among the faces that launch a thousand sighs from the one and ninepennies walk the three commissars. . . .

To this Film Festival of Cannes, from the Sunset Boulevard of Moscow, the three commissars have brought a faint but nostalgic air of Lubitsch.

Their presence is evidence that for the first time in four years Russia has thought it worthwhile to put Soviet films up against the decadent, inferior, retrogade, bourgeois, reactionary, inartistic, repressive capitalist films of the West.

And without doubt it will be sabotage if they don't get an Oscar.

Commissar Number One is 55 - year - old, white - haired Nicolas Semenoy, Soviet Vice-Minister of Cinematography. A solid supporter of the democratic tradition, Commissar Semenov is putting up (with the others) at the Carlton Hotel, where you can get a room for £6 a day and a small nip of vodka for 5s.

CONVICTION

His talk is tinged with a certain conviction. Interviews go like this:

"Are you happy to come to Cannes with the Russian delegation?"

"I am happy."

"What do you think of foreign films?"

"There are good foreign films. But technically, and above all in colour, the Soviet Union has a comfortable lead."

"What do you think of Cannes?"

"Very pretty but Yalta is much more southerly."

"What do you——?"

"Please mind the lift gates."

Commissar Number Two is Vsevolod Poudokine. Producer Poudokine is a specialist in patriotic films. He made, for instance, the film "Souvarov" on the Russian general, who (as everybody knows) was the world's greatest strategist before—you guess who.

Another of his film was about Joukowski who (it's common knowledge) was the first man to build an aircraft. True, Commissar Poudokine slipped a bit when he made "Admiral Nakhimov," a film about the Crimea War, which was so criticised by the Party that he had to change the scenario in a hurry. But here he is, ready with a comeback number which is bound to raise a few eyebrows, "China Liberated."

Commissar Number Three is Nicholas Tcherkassov. He is a "People's Artist of the U.S.S.R." and his repertoire ranges from roles of Don Quixote to Ivan the Terrible.

He has played the part of Michourine who (as every schoolboy knows) was the first man to cultivate potatoes.

SCIENTIST

His last role was in a film about the life of Alexandre Popov, famous Russian scientist, who (you've guessed it) was the first man to discover radio.

The only complaint of Commissar Tcherkassov is that, with the field of discovery pretty well exhausted, his future repertoire in this sort of role is going to be somewhat limited.

The whisper is that he has been looking up some of the original Russian dialogues used by Eve.

The three, inseparable, walk sternly past the bars and cabarets of Cannes where the Festival stars gather, and regularly miss gala nights so that they can be in bed before midnight.

FLAG DAY

They started well, sitting out on the Festival roof gardens on opening day. But an obviously partisan zephyr suddenly blew down one of the 30 flags decorating the terrace and it fell over Commissar. Tcherkassov. Struggling out of it he found it was the Stars and Stripes.

Said Commissar Semenov at an official reception: 'In spite of the little difficulties that may arise during the Festival, we are sure it will strengthen our friendship."

The difficulties certainly seemed to be arising when the Swiss film "Four In A Jeep" was shown. The three commissars sat through it crestfallen.

INJURIOUS

The film, set in post - war Vienna, tells the story of a Russian, an American, a Frenchman and an Englishman patrolling in a jeep, who are ordered to capture a man fleeing from the Russians.

The Russian goes off and the three Westerners help the man to escape. There was no applause for this from the commissars' seats.

They looked up the rules, presented their compliments to the Festival president, and protested.

"The film is injurious to the Soviet Union," they said.

The fact is (as everybody knows) nobody wants to escape from the Russians.

Stay Single And Be A Film Actress

Says EVE ARDEN

One of Filmland's foremost bachelor girls says that Hollywood marriages are strictly one-sided affairs, with the men getting all the best of it.

"And as far as I've been able to detect," says Miss Eve Arden, the spokeswoman for her unmarried screen sisters, "the best way for a girl—to make a movie career for herself is to stay single."

She concedes that with the men it's a different matter. "An actor somehow needs a wife as background material, but for an actress a husband is more likely to be a hindrance than a help.

If an actress is married to an actor, he's usually jealous of her career, Miss Arden allows; and if she's married to a non-professional, then he's even more jealous of her career.

SO MANY ADVANTAGES

"There are so many advantages to being a bachelor girl anyway," she says, "that I can't imagine why any actress would want to jeopardise her career and acquire in-laws."

Miss Arden is now at Warner Bros. playing secretary and friend (unmarried) to Joan Crawford in "Goodbye, My Fancy," and her principal function therein is discouragement of Miss Crawford's varied romantic impulses.

"I've got to stand by my beliefs," she said, then she added thoughtfully, "unless, of course, the right man just happened to come along. . . ."

Noted At Random

Oscar winner Jose Ferrer taking a full page ad. in the *Hollywood Reporter* to swear that he is not, never has been and never wants to be a Communist. That witch-hunt should now cease. . . . A Hollywood director on his heroine: "The girl loves the boy so much that she would wait on him with his hands and feet."... Edmond O'Brien on a glamorous night club queen: "She has the sort of shape the world should be in."

...And Arthur Askey's line to Henry Hall: "Have you ever been in love, Henry," "Yes," "I mean with someone else."...

Sidcup Rep.'s idea of giving each week a recorded trailer of forthcoming plays has been taken up by Hugh Hastings' Tonbridge Rep. . . . Barbara Murray getting a starring role in "Mystery Junction," with Sydney Tafler and Pat Owen. The trio of Shaw plays opening at the St Martin's will be titled "Shavings," a suggestion that came from GBS himself. . . .

Eddie Thomas To Fight Spaniard

Welterweight Eddie Thomas, making his first appearance as the triple champion of Britain, Europe and the Empire, is to fight Antonio Monzon, of Spain, at Harringay on April 24.

Four months ago, after Thomas's lack-lustre draw with Frenchman Titi Clavel, nobody outside his ever - faithful and ever-fervent Welsh supporters would have betrayed more than a passing interest in Eddie's activities.

Since last January, however, Thomas has rocketed to the status of a world championship contender—with a promotorial promise that the world issue might be settled this year in his native Wales.

OFFERED £100

Meanwhile, we have Senor Monzon, 25-year-old champion of Spain, trying to convince us that he is entitled to a chance at Thomas's new-won European title—so much so that he offered to take £100 less if the fight instead of being made at 10st. 9lb., were put on at the championship weight of 10st. 7lb.

Monzon has a gift for singing Flamenco songs—a talent he intends to commercialise by opening a gipsy cabaret when his boxing days are over.

Eddie Thomas also sings though I doubt whether he will ever get round to gipsy cabarets in Merthyr Tydfil.

SIR GALAHAD TO JOUST IN TECHNICOLOUR

As the initial step in their carefully conceived plans to provide film entertainment with family appeal, Wald and Krasna will make "Galahad," a Technicolour feature based upon portions of the King Arthur legends.

An original screenplay will be developed for this project, with Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" and Walter Map's "Quest of the San Graal" being drawn upon for source material.

A top name cast will be assembled to interpret the familiar Arthurian characters.

Other classics with strong children's appeal, as well as with sufficient adult interest to encourage parents in bringing youngsters with them to the theatre, such as Disney's highly successful "Treasure Island," now are under consideration.

Overall plans by the new independent unit call for the injection of positive juvenile appeal into a portion of each of the five groups of pictures they will produce under the five-year pact with RKO Radio.

ROY NASH Round The British Film Studios

Dinah Meets A Lion

Tough girls, these film heroines. Dinah Sheridan, just back from four months in East Africa making "No Vultures Fly," shared scenes with a lioness, a scorpion and a charging rhinoceros.

The lioness was alarming and apparently fashion-conscious.

"She seemed to be far more interested in my skirt than she was in me," Miss Sheridan told me. "She made several attempts to rip it off."

Miss Sheridan always managed to dodge her paws, but she thinks she was lucky not to leave that skirt in Africa.

She had to pick up the scorpion with sugar tongs—"I wished they had been slightly longer"—and spent several exciting minutes in a truck which was charged by the rhinoceros.

Scenes with the lioness lasted ten days and both the scorpion and the rhinoceros sequences had to be repeated several times.

Produced entirely in Africa by Sir Michael Balcon's Ealing Studios, "No Vultures Fly" is a Technicolour story of the Kenya game reserve.

Anthony Steel, due home to start work on the Bette Davis' picture "Another Man's Poison," is a game warden who wages jungle war on ivory poachers.

Miss Sheridan, as his wife, is the only woman in the cast, but says we need not expect to see her looking glamorous.

Who is wearing the oldest clothes in British studios? Maria Schell in "The Magic Box" at Elstree.

Several of her outfits as the first wife of film pioneer William Friese-Greene (Robert Donat) are museum pieces, made in the 1870s.

They include a white lace wedding gown and an alpaca costume decorated with shaded ribbon fading from deep cyclamen to pale pink.

Designer Julia Squire picked the dresses to give an authentic touch to Miss Schell's wardrobe. "You could not hope to get the same effect with new costumes," she tells me.

They suggest that Victorian women were much smaller than modern girls. Miss Schell, who has a 21-inch waist, is only just able to squeeze into them.

New recruit for "Robin Hood" Richard Todd's band of outlaws: dark-haired six-foot Anthony Forwood, former husband of Glynis Johns.

He'll be Will Scarlett, Robin's right-hand man in the Technicolour film Walt Disney is making at Denham.

Thirty-five-year-old Forwood was in "Captain Hornblower" with Gregory Peck and with Walter Pidgeon in "Calling Bulldog Drummond."

Two things worry him about his "Robin Hood" role. He doesn't know how to handle a bow and arrow, and producer Perce Pearce has hinted that he may have to become a platinum blond for the colour camera.

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Through Tickets (10 Races—$20.00) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at $2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THIS MEETING.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, Club's Branch Offices at:—

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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Owing to the present congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER.

S. A. Sleap,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 28th April, 1951, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 19th April, 1951.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

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J. G. O'DONNELL,
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NOTICE

U. S. R. C.

The next dance will be held on Saturday, 28th April. The Anniversary cocktail party will be held on Wednesday, 9th May. Tickets for both functions are now on sale at the Club.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to Change a Ship's Name

We, China Shipping Co., Ltd., of 7 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of our practice to follow certain standard names we have applied to the Ministry of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 in respect of the ship "LINDA MOLLER" of Hongkong, Official No. 172832 of gross tonnage 178.23 tons, register tonnage 66.23 tons, formerly owned by Anglo-Chinese Shipping Co., Ltd., Hongkong, for permission to change her name to "SAN MIGUEL", and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by CHINA SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 18th day of April, 1951.

CHINA SHIPPING CO., LTD.

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President
MR. J. H. RUTTONJEE, C.B.E.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 17th April, 1951.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 18th April, 1951 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th April, 1951 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 25th April, 1951, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th April, 1951, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 18th May, 1951, or they will not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1951.

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s.s. "CANTON"	5th April	9th May
s.s. "CARTHAGE"	3rd May	4th June
s.s. "CORFU"	31st May	2nd July

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
s.s. "CANTON"	12th May	11th June
s.s. "CARTHAGE"	9th June	10th July
s.s. "CORFU"	9th July	7th August

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London.

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Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
s. s. "TRESILLIAN"	25th April	London & Continent
s. s. "SURAT"	3rd May	—"—
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s. s. "SHILLONG"	9th May	London & Continent

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	sails 23rd Apr.	for Japan

* These ships have refrigerated cargo space.

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s. s. "ISMAILA"	In Port sails 24th Apr.	from Gulf for Saigon
s. s. "PACHUMBA"	due 24th Apr. sails 26th Apr.	from Japan for Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
s. s. "UMARIA"	due 1st May.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Straits
	sails 3rd May.	for Japan
s. s. "FULTALA"	due 26th Apr. sails 28th Apr.	from Japan for Singapore & Penang

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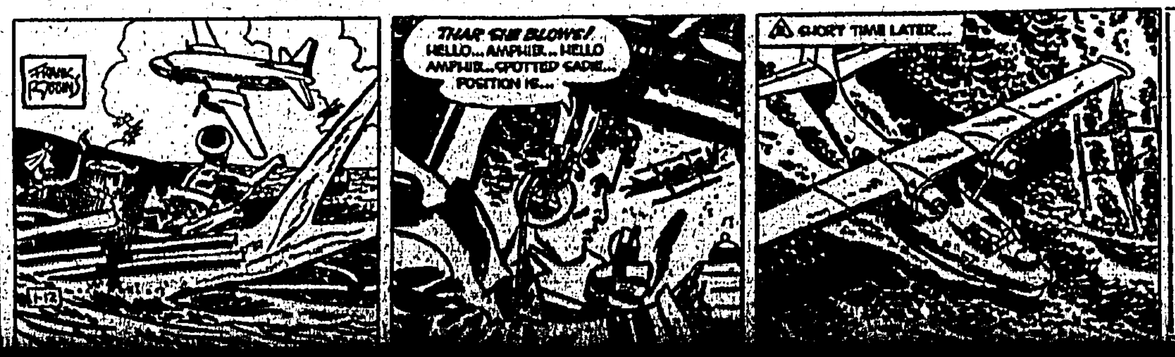

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Hamelin Wants A Piper

Hamelin, Apr. 17.

The rats are swarming over Hamelin again but there is not enough money in the City Treasury to hire a pied piper or even a plain rat catcher, the Mayor's office said today.

Instead, a spokesman explained, each citizen is being asked to scatter rat poison around his home and office in a rat-killing campaign that will last a week.

"We just don't have the money for a rat catcher. Rat poison is cheaper," said the spokesman.

In 1284 Hamelin hired the Pied Piper, so the legend goes, who piped the rats into the Weser River. When the local authorities refused to pay him, he piped the children away to get even with them.

The village has grown to a city of 50,000.—United Press.

Man Caught With Raw Gold

Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika, April 17.

Kapoor Harnam Singh, 60, Indian building contractor, was sentenced to 12 months hard labour today for illegal possession of raw gold worth 350 shillings.

He was convicted by a court in Chunya in Tanganyika goldfield area where illicit gold buying is common. His plea for bail pending an appeal was rejected.—United Press.

Addis Ababa Ceremony

Addis Ababa, Apr. 17.

Emperor Haile Selassie today presented Colours to an Ethiopian battalion going to Korea.

The battalion, 1,2 composed of men drawn from the Emperor's Imperial Guard

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THE RUBBER MARKETS

Singapore, Apr. 17.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-

Number 1 rubber, per lb. April	187-½-188-½
May	185-186
June	183-184
Number 2 rubber, April	183-½-184-½
Number 3 rubber, April	177-½-178-½
Number 4 rubber, April	172-½-173-½
Spot rubber, unbaled Black crepe	144-147
No. 1 pale crepe	205-210

—United Press.—

LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 17.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb.	55-¼-¾
May	55-¼-¾
June	54-¾-55-¼
July/September	52-¾-53
October/December	49-¾-50-¼

—United Press.

RECORD PROFIT

Colombo, Apr. 17.

A record profit of 347,000 rupees was made by the Ceylon Government on its rubber trading activities last year.

The profit was made mainly on rubber purchasing and selling activities of 34 depots maintained by the Rubber Commissioners Department in various rubber-growing districts in the island. This big profit has come as a surprise to the Government authorities.—United Press.

REDS' STEEL OUTPUT

Moscow, Apr. 17.

Russia produced 27,200,000 tons of steel in 1950, according to calculations made here today on the announced results of the post-war Five-Year Plan.

Petroleum production was 37,820,000 tons, according to these calculations.

The results, in accordance with Russian practice, were given in percentages of 1940 production.

Today's announcement of the Soviet State Planning Commission said that the plan had been completed in four years and three months. Over the whole economy it had produced 17 per cent more than the target.—Reuter.

US EXPORTS OF COTTON

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Commerce Department today announced that export licences covering 175,303 bales of cotton were issued between April 3 and 16. There were 89,-091 bales licensed for shipment to Italy, 29,242 bales to France, 23,477 bales to the Netherlands and 14,210 bales to Germany.

A specific quota of 600 bales had been established for Lebanon and had been deducted from the previously established allocation for other countries, a balance of

Wool Price Firms Up Again

Melbourne, Apr. 17.

The major Australian wool markets firmed today.-

Price declines which had been evident at Melbourne and Sydney came to a halt as trading opened this morning at Geelong.

Merino fleeces gained 2½ to five per cent on last week's Sydney rates.

Style comeback and crossbred wools recovered 2½ per cent.

Bullish tendencies prevailed throughout, even though brokers reported no trace of American buying. It was lack of American buying which had the greatest influence in pulling prices down last week.

The United Kingdom and the Continent operated freely.—Associated Press.

Heavy Selling In London

London, Apr. 17.

Government warnings that shortages of some raw materials in Britain may soon become acute led to heavy selling of industrial shares on the London Stock Exchange today.

Some issues went into a sharp decline at the outset, but most rallied late in the day to close only slightly lower.

British Government bonds received little attention and finished with a sprinkling of minus signs.

Gold shares were firm.

Financial Times' Index: 127.7.
—Associated Press.

Suspension Of Copper Duty

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Senate Finance Committee today approved a House-approved bill to suspend the import duty on copper.

The Committee made no change in the effective period provided for in the House bill which calls for the suspension so long as the domestic price of copper—based on delivery in the Connecticut Valley—does not drop below 24 cents a pound.—Associated Press.

Jap-Sewing-Machines For Argentina

Buenos Aires, Apr. 17.

One hundred and ninety-nine tons of Japanese sewing machines are to arrive here on Wednesday aboard a United States freighter. It is the first shipment of Japanese sewing machines to Argentina since 1941. — United Press.

New York, Apr. 17.

Japanese bonds were mixed in a foreign bond market that

Export Control To Continue

Washington, Apr. 17.

The House unanimously approved and sent to the Senate today legislation to extend export controls until June 30, 1953. The present Control Act expires next June 30.

The Banking Committee said export controls were necessary to protect domestic economy and to help preserve adequate supplies for the military programme.—United Press.

Ban On Peking Delegate

London, Apr. 17.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, said today that Mr Lee Yet-mang, leader of an unofficial Chinese Communist delegation now in Prague, was not being allowed into Britain because it was not in the public interest.

The delegation had been invited to Britain by the Britain-China Friendship Association.

Answering a question by a Labour Peer, Lord Stansgate, in the House of Lords, Lord Jowitt said that applications were received for visas to enable four Chinese delegates and one interpreter to attend the meeting on April 8. Visas were granted to four Chinese delegates and the interpreter.

Lord Stansgate urged the Government to invite a representative body of Chinese to visit Britain to promote understanding between the British and Chinese peoples.

Lord Jowitt replied that the Government would, at all times, welcome the free exchange of news and views between Britain and China and similarly a visit here by a representative body of Chinese.

But it was doubtful, pending the establishment of diplomatic relations, whether the Chinese Government would authorise the acceptance by such a body of an official invitation to come here.

In the circumstances it would be inappropriate to invite one. —Reuter.

Two-Sided Market In US Cotton

New York, Apr. 17.

The cotton market today became more of a two-sided affair after a firm start. Old crop deliveries held relatively steady with May delivery wedged at the ceiling price. Right at the close, a leading spot firm sold May's against purchases of July at 65 points under.

The market closed to off 16 points. Prices closed as follows:—

Spot	46.06
May	45.39 bid
July	44.77-44.78
October	39.75
December	39.15-39.16
March (1952)	39.02
May	38.81 nominal
July	38.39 nominal
October	36.31 nominal

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

	Closing rate April 17.
Spot	44.91
May	45.39 bid
July	—
October	39.61
December	39.02-39.04
March (1952)	38.98
May	38.80 bid
July	36.40
October	—

—United Press.

Allocations Of Steel

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Defence Production Administration today allocated 1,400,000 product tons of steel for 24 special defence-related construction programmes in June.

The figure represents about one-fifth of the nation's expected steel output for the month. It compares with 1,-200,000 tons allocated for 19 special programmes in May.

Among the June allocations are 308,000 product tons of steel for freight car construction, 40,000 tons for locomotive building, approximately 140,000 for oil-field pipes, 185,000 for electric power facilities and 31,000 for ship construction.—Associated Press.

Fuji Driveway Project

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Two Japanese transportation firms have applied to the Transportation Ministry to build a six-metre driveway up Japan's sacred mountain—Mount Fuji.

Both plans call for a 20-kilometre road up to an observation post halfway up the 12,290-foot mountain. This will enable motorists to enjoy scenic beauty in safety. The cost is estimated at 80,000,000

MARKETING PLAN FOR EUROPEAN FARM PRODUCTS

Paris, Apr. 17.

The French Government today disclosed the terms of its proposal to set up a single European market for farming products.

These terms were included in a memorandum which the Council of Europe submitted—at the request of the French Government—to the 15-member countries.

The French Government proposed that European countries should open negotiations aiming at setting up a European farming pool based on the following principles:

Firstly, the associated countries will pool their production resources in each agricultural branch.

Secondly, the proposed pool organisation should take the necessary steps to adjust output to consumption needs and to maintain the balance of the market in all participating countries.

Thirdly, the proposed pool shall aim at preparing the setting up of a common market for each produce which will be under the authority of the pool.

This should be made possible by abolishing Customs duties and commercial quotas between the participating countries though transitory measures may be envisaged.

The French Government proposed the setting up of European negotiations similar to those foreseen in the coal and steel pool treaty to carry on these principles.

Certain of these institutions may be competent for both coal, steel and farm markets.—Reuter.

Expansion Of UK Aircraft Production

New York, Apr 17.

Sir Roy Hardy Dobson, director of Hawker-Siddeley Group Ltd., England's largest aircraft and engine manufacturing concern, said today that his company expected to get enough machine tools from the United States, beginning four to six months from now, to permit expansion of English production.

Three limitations—manpower, space and tools—at present hampered production, but additional supplies of machine tools from America would diminish the manpower and tool shortage since better tools enable limited manpower to do more production.

Sir Roy said England was now doing all it could in the world defence effort and "there are no leaden shoes in our effort." He and the managing director, Sir Frank Spriggs, are in New York on a visit. They expect expansion to enable them to employ another 20,000 workers.—United Press.

New Mill For The Ruhr

Dortmund, Apr. 17.

West Germany's industrial revival enters a new phase on Thursday when work starts on a new rolling mill—with American financial aid—to replace a mill dismantled by the Allies after the war.

The US$4,760,000 project at the Moerde Steel Works is the first development of heavy industry in the Ruhr to receive an allotment of Economic Co-operation Administration counterpart funds. — Associated Press.

NEW RFC CHIEF

Washington, Apr. 17.

President Harry Truman today asked Mr W. Stuart Symington to become Administrator of the reorganised Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr Symington, 49, is now chairman of the National Security Resources Board. He is a former St. Louis manufacturer.

President Truman got Congressional assent last week for him to reorganise the RFC, abolishing the present five-man Board of Directors and putting it under one man. — Associated Press.

Holders Reluctant

New York, Apr. 17.

Despite indications of improving inquiry from grinder interests, holders of black pepper supplies here are reluctant to sell until they are sure to make profitable replacement purchases in the foreign market. Local bids for spot and afloat supplies developed around $1.06 a pound, on an ex-dock basis.—United Press.

Buyers Hold Off

New York, Apr. 17.

Prices for copra and coconut oil were still lower with no buyers appearing. Copra dipped to $244.50 against $250 and

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Business transacted on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $253,-321.30. Noon closing prices were:—

	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1360		30 @ 1360
East Asia ..	102		
INSURANCES			
Union	737½		
Underwriters	3¼		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav ..	1		
DOCKS, ETC.			
N. P. Wharf		5.10	
Dock XD ..		13¼	1100 @ 12½
S'hai Dock .	2.90		
Hongkew ...			724 @ 4
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	5.65	5.70	2000 @ 5.60
HK Land ..	39¼		
S'hai Land .		1.25	
Humphreys .	7		
UTILITIES			
Tram	11.70	12½	500 @ 11.90
Star Ferry ..		73	
C. Light (O)	6.10	6.20	500 @ 6.15
			1000 @ 6.10
			6000 @ 6.15
			1064 @ 6.15
			804 @ 6.15
			3500 @ 6.15
C. Light (N)	3.50		200 @ 3.50
C. Light (B)	5.75		1064 @ 5.80
Electric	23½	24¼	1000 @ 23.80
Telephone ..	10¼		
(N)	9		1000 @ 9.30
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	11.50	11¼	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD ..	12¼	12¾	4600 @ 12½
L. Crawford	24½		
COTTONS			
Ewo		2½	

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 17.

Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.40½
May	2.50⅝-½
July	2.46⅛-¾
September	2.50¼
December	2.53¼
Corn	
Spot	1.82⅜
May	1.82⅜
July	1.85⅝-½
September	1.83⅜-¼
December	1.71¼
Rye	
May	1.93-1.97¼
July	1.97¾
Oats	
May	95¾-⅝
July	91-90⅝

New York flour—per 200 lb. sack. $13.30.—United Press.

QUIET DAY IN TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 17.

The tin market was very quiet today. Turnover was only 20 tons, all for three-months.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	1,125
Spot tin, sellers	1,135
Business done at	nil
Three-months tin, buyers	1,115
Three-months tin, sellers	1,120
Business done at	1,120-1,110
Settlement	1,130

—United Press.

U.S. PRICE DOWN

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation today reduced its price for tin by 5 cents in response to the price reduction in the Singapore market.

A spokesman said the Singapore market has gone down in the past several days. It is understood that the new pricing formula was reached at a full-day meeting of top R.F.C. officials.—United Press.

TEXTILE MARKET QUIET

New York, Apr. 17.

The cotton textile market was quiet. There were only scattered re-sales of print clothes. Mills and buyers were awaiting a new further amendment on the ceiling regulation.

The wool goods market was dull.

The rayon goods market was slow. Yarn allotments being made by producers, however, were well taken up.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £)	15.65
U.S. dollars (per $1)	0.035
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	3.80
Siam ticals (per 100)	20.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.73
TIC piastres (per 100)	1.95

Exchanges In NY

New York, Apr. 17.

Foreign exchange:	
Canadian	94.31¼
Belgium	1.98⅝
Switzerland	23.10

Confused Day On Wall St.

New York, Apr. 17.

The stock market backed and filled all day today and wound up just about where it started.

Prices were mixed at the opening and when the market closed the margin of gains over losses was insignificant.

Price changes were fractional for the most part as issues wobbled all over the lot, now advancing a little, now slipping a bit.

There was a wave of improvement during the closing minutes but it resulted in no clear-cut picture.

Advances numbered 424, declines 414. There were 35 new highs and 34 new lows.

Transfers totalled 1,440,000 shares.

Airlines helped to give the market its steady tone, Pan American, American, United and Eastern all advanced fractions. They see-sawed a bit during the day but held their gains at the close.

Steel stocks also contributed a little strength to the market.

Other gainers included Northern Pacific, Loews, Chesapeake and Ohio, Marine Midland.

Stumblers included Owens Illinois Glass, St Regis Paper, Gulf Oil, Allied Chemical, Texas Company.

Corporate bonds declined in active trading. Some Government bonds rallied slightly.

Curb stumblers included Aluminium of America, Colonial Airlines, Imperial Oil, New Jersey Zinc.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	93.74
20 Industrials	255.34
15 Railroads	83.99
10 Utilities	42.36

—Associated Press.

LORD RUSSELL RECALLED

London, Apr. 17.

Lord Russell of Liverpool, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the British Army of the Rhine, is to hand over his duties and return to England at the end of this month, the House of Commons was told today.

He was involved on March 31 in a clash with a German crowd at Vlotho, North Rhine Westphalia.

Mr Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, in a written reply to a question, said that reports of the incident had been before the Lord Chancellor, who had also seen Lord Russell of Liverpool.

The Lord Chancellor took the view "that it might be unfair to blame Lord Russell for the original traffic incident but thinks that he made an error of judgment alike in the matter and manner of his communication with the Press."

Mr Morrison added: "Lord Russell's appointment in Germany was in any case to end shortly and in the circumstances I have agreed with the Lord Chancellor that it would be advisable if Lord Russell were to hand over to his successor at the end of this month and resume his duties in England."

Lord Russell was driving with his wife from their home in Vlotho to the Rhine Army Headquarters in Bad Oeynhausen, when their car was stopped by Germans taking part in a procession.

Lord Russell said that he was punched and his wife's neck and back scratched. The local German police said he had ignored their advice to make a detour and had driven through the procession.—Reuter.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 17.

World sugar futures closed here today 3 points higher to 1 point lower with sales totalling 53 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 1 lower to 3 points higher, with sales totalling 216 contracts.

Prices-as-follows:—

Contract No. 4 (world)	
May	5.50 bid
July	5.51
September	5.50 bid
Spot	5.45
Contract No. 6	
May	5.25 nominal
July	5.46 traded
September	5.56 traded
Spot	5.25

—United Press.

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"TJIKAMPEK"	17th May	

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Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Meeting

The Chairman of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, the Hon. D. F. Landale, said that the results for the past year had unfortunately been marred by an exceptionally high loss ratio, when presenting his report at the Annual General Meeting this morning.

He added that the increase in premium income shown by the 1949 results had been maintained.

The company declared a dividend of $11 per share, free of tax.

Presenting the Report and Accounts for adoption Mr Landale said:

Before commencing the business of the Meeting, I wish to record the deep regret of the General Managers and the Consulting Committee at the death of Mr S. T. Williamson, which occurred in September last. Mr Williamson had been a member of the Consulting Committee since 1935 and his advice and assistance will be sorely missed.

The results for the past year, as indeed its predecessor, have unfortunately been marred by an exceptionally high loss ratio. I am glad to say, however, that the increase in our premium income shown by the 1949 results has been maintained. A comparison between the ratio in the Underwriting Account and those for the previous year reveals a slight increase in losses of 1.8% and a reduction in commission and expenses of 1.65%. After putting to Reserve for unexpired risks a suitable proportion of the year's premium income, we are left with an underwriting profit of $94,075, which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

BETTER RESULTS

It will be observed that this is an improvement on the 1949 results, which, after providing for unexpired liabilities, necessitated a transfer from Profit and Loss Account. You will recall that, at our last meeting, I stated that the high incidence of losses during the year then under review did not indicate any deterioration in the quality of our business and from a detailed examination of our operations for the past year, I see no reason to alter that opinion. I can only attribute this high loss ratio to the ordinary cycle inherent in underwriting.

A review of our activities during the past year shows continued progress in all departments of our direct underwriting with the exception of our business in China where business has diminished. Currency restrictions, taxation, and the small volume of shipping clearing the Port of Shanghai are the main grounds for this reduction, but an additional reason, and one which may assume increasing importance in the future has been the increase in local competition. Under these conditions the future of your Company's activity in China must be a matter of concern.

We are still represented in Japan for fire insurance by the British Insurance Group and, in order to determine the stage at which it will be possible to end Group representation and to start individual underwriting, a close watch on the situation will be required.

In Hongkong the year has happily been free from any serious fires, with the exception of that occurring at Catchick Street in November. Your Company, although fairly heavily involved, escaped with a comparatively small net loss. There has been some evidence that competition from non-Tariff sources has increased during the past year and, in one instance, directly threatened the interests of your Company.

In the Accident Department our portfolio is developing in a very satisfactory manner and I feel that there is scope for further progress in this direction in Hongkong.

MALAYA DIFFICULTIES

You are all aware of the troubles existing in Malaya which have presented Insurance Companies with their own especial problems. The abnormally high values resulting from the increased price of rubber and tin have made it difficult for the Companies to cope with the requirements of their clients, and at the same time to restrict their liabilities to prudent levels especially where Riots Cover is concerned. Our Agents in Malaya are to be congratulated on their skilful handling of our interests.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, there is very little change in the position of the Assets as compared with the previous year. The Company has a sound portfolio of investments of which 77 percent is in Gilt-edged and first class fixed interest stocks, the remaining 23 percent being in equities. The income produced from those investments was slightly above that of the previous year and can be considered satisfactory. On the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet it will be seen that the Company's Reserves remain impressively strong. The reduction of $91,831 in the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account is due largely to a decline in the value of local shares as at December 31, 1950.

The surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is $485,295 and your Consulting Committee recommend the payment of a dividend of $11 per share, free of tax, and that the balance of $45,295 be carried forward. I trust you will approve the usual grant of a bonus to members of the staff of 15 percent of their basic salaries. They have worked hard and well during the year.

Mr N.V.A. Croucher seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was proposed by Mr A.H. Potts and seconded by Mr D. Hung that the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, the Hon. P.S. Cassidy, and Messrs F.C. Barry, H.D. Benham, W.A. Stewart and D. Black be re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr J.L. Marden proposed and Mr A. O. Whitehouse seconded a motion that Messrs A. Ritchie and D.S. Robb be re-appointed Auditors.

Present at the meeting were the Hon. D. F. Landale (Chairman), the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, the Hon. P. S. Cassidy, Messrs F. C. Barry, H. D. Benham, W. A. Stewart, and D. Black (Consulting Committee) J. A. E. Kendrew (Underwriter), H. Sidbury (representing Jardine Matheson and Co.), the Hon. M. W. Lo, Messrs D. Hung, J. L. Marden (representing Yangtsze Finance Co., Hongkong Realty and Trust Co. and Wheelock Marden and Stewart Ltd.), A. H. Potts, N. V. A. Croucher, F. M. V. Johnstone and A. O. Whitehouse (Shareholders). Mr A. Ritchie, Auditor, also attended.

Tripartite Security Pact

Washington, Apr. 17.

Announcement of an agreement on a tripartite security arrangement between the United States, Australia and New Zealand is expected to be made in Washington, Canberra and Wellington within the next few days.

In effect, it is expected to give a guarantee to the two Dominions of United States assistance in resisting a threat to their territorial integrity.

Authoritative sources here indicated that agreement would become effective with the signing of the Japanese peace treaty.

It would represent the price exacted by Australia and New Zealand for their consent to a peace treaty which will place no limitation on the extent of Japan's rearmament.—Reuter.

Lost Submarine Found

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night that the Affray should have air to stay submerged for at least three days.

After that period, he said, the crew could light a special type of oxygen candle which would stimulate the air and provide more oxygen. This would keep the men alive for several more days.

Admiralty experts today considered all possibilities as to what might have happened to the submarine.

She may have struck an underwater obstruction, but they say that this is a well-chartered, well-used passage believed to be clear of unmarked wrecks. If the Affray struck something underwater there should be surface evidence of it, experts add. —Reuter.

Released For His Wedding

Christian Duparc, who was arrested in Paris last year as one of the gang which stole £27,000 in a hold-up at a Paris station, was allowed out of prison recently to marry Mlle Yvonne Dupeyron. The ceremony took place in the local town hall and four policemen were the witnesses. After the wedding, bride and groom kissed and parted again, he for prison, and she for "conditional liberty," having been accused of receiving some of the money. Picture shows Duparc and his bride after the wedding. — Central Press picture.

UN Forces Put On A Squeeze

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Strong United Nations forces clamped a squeeze on three big Chinese Communist bases in North Korea yesterday (Tuesday), approaching a major Red buildup area now screened by smoke.

In the main action of the day, strong Allied units grabbed valuable hill positions near Chorwon, western gateway to a 60-square-mile zone where possible as many as 500,000 Reds may be concentrated.

A heavily censored field dispatch said Allied troops "gained a foothold on the last heights remaining south of the Red-held city" 17 miles north of the 38th parallel.

Chorwon has been hammered from the air and pounded by long range artillery into rubble, but it controls five roadways.

A tank-infantry task force drove on Kumhwa along a main highway on the central front. It was a second powerful thrust at a Red base 18 miles east of Chorwon.

Censorship did not permit locating progress of the tanks and foot soldiers. Fields dispatches said they bumped into resistance from 250 Chinese troops and killed 50 of them.

SEIZE HIGH GROUND

The third Red base threatened by the advancing Allies was Yonchon, seven miles north of the 38th parallel. Allied troops held high points all around the town but have not entered. Yonchon is 13 miles southwest of Chorwon.

Two patrol size thrusts to seize the western end of the big 275-foot high power dam at Hwachon Reservoir to the east were repulsed by Chinese mortar and automatic weapon fire.

North and northwest of the Reservoir the Chinese screened their operations in a sector 30 miles wide and 20 miles deep by a pall of smoke rising from hand-set brush fires and smudge pots.

The haze drifted slowly to the west. Allied planes dropped jellied gasoline bombs on the area through gaps in the overcast.

Allied commanders thought the crude smoke screen, now employed for the fourth straight day, masked either an offensive buildup or a planned withdrawal. The Chinese used smoke screens last November to hide an offensive.—Associated Press.

KCC DANCE

The Kowloon Cricket Club is holding a dance on Saturday, when the dance band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers will be present.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m., and members are advised to book tables immediately.

Death Of Mrs Clara Chain

The death occurred early this morning at the Kowloon Hospital of Mrs Clara Chain, well-known Kowloon resident and mother of Mr W. Chain, manager of Dodwell's Kowloon service station.

Mrs Chain was 58 years of age. She suffered a stroke on New Year's Day, but recovered, only to sustain a second stroke two days ago which proved fatal.

Mrs Chain had resided in the Colony for many years and had a large circle of friends in Kowloon where she lived with her son and daughter-in-law at 216 Prince Edward Road.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, the service being held in the Happy Valley cemetery chapel at 5 p.m.

DANGEROUS DRUGS CHARGE

Two Northerners who were arrested for possession of dangerous drugs, were remanded for two days by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for further enquiries. The defendants were Cheung Tung Nam, 24, clerk, and a woman named Chau Sau Yang, 49. They were arrested on Monday night, at their residence, 100 Taipo Road, 2nd floor, where a quantity of morphine was discovered by the Police.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS OPEN

15 Returned Deportees Sent To Prison

The April Criminal Sessions opened before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, this morning when 15 cases of alleged breach of deportation orders were among the first to be dealt with.

A young man, Li Lau-kong, pleading guilty to returning from life banishment, claimed that he was born in Hongkong and that his family was here. He further claimed that his grandfather was a Justice of the Peace in the Colony.

Mr A. Hooton (Acting Solicitor-General), who prosecuted, informed the Court that accused had previous convictions for robbery, when he was given six strokes and bound over, larceny by trick and larceny by bailee, besides committing breaches of his deportation order.

Mr Justice Gould remarked that he could not go into the validity of the deportation order made against accused, but said that in the normal course accused would have been given an opportunity of proving his claim to Hongkong birth prior to banishment.

Accused was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

Two men, Wong Wai and Yeung Ping, were sentenced to four years and six months' hard labour for returning from life banishment. Wong was banished on January 21, 1948, and Yeung on October 12, 1948. Both had convictions for store-breaking, larceny, escaping from the Reformatory, and assault on the Police. Wong in addition had a conviction for being found in enclosed premises, and Yeung for being a member of an unlawful society.

SMUGGLERS

Mr Hooton said both men were among others arrested on the New Territories border on March 10 while engaged in smuggling goods from Chinese territory into the Colony. Both accused were among a group who had assaulted the Police in October last year, but had subsequently escaped across the border.

Also arrested while smuggling goods on March 10, Wong On was sentenced to four years. He was banished for life on October 5, 1948. He had convictions for larceny, breaches of the deportation order and being a member of an unlawful society.

Li Shing and Leung Fat, both life banishees, were two others caught by the Police when smuggling goods into the Colony on March 10. Both had convictions for larceny, and being members of an unlawful society.

Hung Leung, who was banished for life on February 27, 1950, told the Court he did not intend to return to British territory, but had been brought here on board a junk on which he was employed.

Mr Hooton said that accused was arrested on board a fishing junk in British waters off Shataukok. On board the junk was certain property which had been stolen outside British waters. Accused was charged with unlawful possession of the property and was sentenced by a Magistrate to nine months, which sentence he was at present serving. He had a previous conviction for possession of arms without a licence.

Accused was given two years' hard labour, to be served consecutively to his present term.

NATIVE OF BORNEO

Yu Kwok, who was said to be a native of East Borneo, was sentenced to four years for returning from life banishment imposed on April 12, 1949. He had previous convictions for larceny, breaches of the deportation order and burglary.

Accused told the Court he came to the Colony in order to get a passage to his home in Borneo.

Mr Justice Gould remarked that accused had returned in breach of the deportation order made against him several times before and had come back not to get a passage but for the purpose of committing crimes.

Arrested in March for being in possession of dutiable tobacco at Kowloon, for which he was sentenced to three months, Lee Ming, 20, was found to have returned from life banishment imposed on him on November 15, 1948. He claimed he was forced to return to the Colony by the Communist authorities across the border.

Mr Justice Gould sentenced accused to four years' hard labour. Accused had committed previous breaches of his deportation order and had also been convicted of larceny and burglary.

Lo Kwong, at present serving a term of six months for snatching an earring from a woman in Kowloon on March 10, was sentenced to four years for returning from life banishment imposed on May 6, 1948. He had convictions for larceny, loitering and breaches of his deportation order.

Also sentenced to four years' hard labour for returning from life banishment were Lee Man, 22, Cheung Ah-shum, 20, Chan Hung and Wan Muk-fat. They all had several previous convictions for various offences, including larceny, being members of an unlawful society, soliciting for an immoral purpose and unlawful possession.

Three years' hard labour was passed on Li Shun, 23, a widow, for returning from life banishment imposed on her on January 14, 1950. She had convictions for larceny by servant and breaches of the deportation order.

Mr Hooton said that accused had been maintaining herself by soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Police Swoop On Opium Divan

The Police carried out a successful raid on a big opium divan on the roof top of No. 50 Des Voeux Road West shortly after 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

After things had been carefully mapped out, two Police squads consisting of three Inspectors and over 20 Policemen in four truckloads, were rushed to No. 50 Des Voeux Road West where they cordoned off eight entrances leading to the divan. Sub-Insp. Chan Fook-cheong, of Western, then went up to the roof top with a number of Policemen by the adjoining staircase.

On the roof top, a number of persons were seen running out from a hut. They tried to escape through the other entrances which were well guarded and as a result 14 persons were eventually detained by Police. The Police also seized seven opium pipes, 31 lamps, five pipe heads and a quantity of opium.

The 14 smokers were brought before Mr Latimer at Central this morning and with the exception of a few, pleaded not guilty to the charge. However, after evidence had been given by Sub-Insp. Chan, all were found guilty.

Insp. Gillies, prosecuting, told the Court that this was the sixth time the Police had successfully raided this divan which was one of the largest in the Western District.

Insp. Chan Fook-cheong was commended by the Magistrate for the way he carried out the raid.

Among the smokers, Wong Kwok, 43, who was additionally charged with a breach of a Deportation Order was sentenced to nine months. Li Ming, 33 and Lau Keung, 37, with one previous record, were each fined $200 or six weeks. A fine of $150 or five weeks was imposed on the other smokers, who were Cheng Sum, 32, Wong Kwan-sang, 37, Chan Kwai-sum, 44, Wong Hoi, 37, Chan Hing, 48, Chan Kwong, 45, Wong Ah-fuk, 21, Chan Tai, 44, Lau Yat-shing, 54 and Chan Tai, 25.

Hawker Resists Arrest

Chan Wai, 33, a hawker was fined $50 or two weeks by Mr Oswald Cheung, at Kowloon this morning, for resisting and obstructing police officers in the execution of their duties.

According to Inspector Orem two police constables chased the defendant along Pitt Street yesterday afternoon suspected of informing hawkers of police movements. When arrested Chan struggled with the policeman and tore one of the constables' uniform.

Inspector Orem revealed that defendant had two previous convictions for demanding money with menaces and inciting persons to join unlawful societies.

Fisticuffs In Bank

Two Shanghai Chinese were arrested for creating a disturbance in the bank premises when the Emergency Unit was summoned by the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation this morning.

It was reported that a Shanghai Chinese objected to being delayed a considerable time before receiving attention. Another Shanghai Chinese trying to smooth matters between the bank employee and the irritated customer was hit in the face and a fight started.

SEQUEL TO HONGKONG MURDER

A man named Chen Chia-ching has been arrested in Canton in connection with the assassination of General Yang Chieh in Hongkong on September 19, 1949, according to Chinese press reports.

Chen is described by the Information Bureau of the Canton Municipality as a Kuomintang special agent.

According to the Information Bureau's release, General Yang had accepted an invitation from the Chinese Communists to go to Peking to attend a conference and he was about to leave for North China when he was assassinated in his apartment in Hennessey Road, Wanchai.

Chen Chia-ching, says the release, will be arraigned before the People's Court in Canton shortly and charged with the murder of General Yang Chieh.

Chen, it is alleged, was attached to the Secret Service Bureau of the Nationalist Ministry of Defence at the time of the assassination. He is also described as being a former bodyguard to Dr T. V. Soong.

BIF Plane Seats Available

The Hongkong British Industries Fair Committee announces that as a result of certain unforeseen circumstances a few seats are now available on the second charter aircraft leaving for the United Kingdom on Saturday, April 21. Interested members of the public are invited to contact immediately Mr J. W. Ferris at the Department of Commerce & Industry. Telephone number 27347.

The Police stopped and searched Leung Sat, 45, a shopkeeper, of 34 Ping On Street, ground floor, Tai-O, and found a small package containing two taels of raw opium. Leung was arrested and he came before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning, charged with possession of the drugs, and was fined $200.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. When mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered articles and parcel mails close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
By Air
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
By Air
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m., via C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., ss Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Philippines, B.N Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m., ss Aros.
Malaya, 2 p.m., ss Kwelyang.
FRIDAY, APRIL 20
By Air
Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Indo-China, France, Great Britain, 10 a.m., Air France.
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
B.N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., ss Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Canada (Parcels only), 10 a.m., ss. China Mail.
Siam, 2 p.m., ss Szechuen.
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via P.A.L.
Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Malaya, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 5 p.m., P.O.A.S.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., ss Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m.; 5 p.m. train via Canton.
Malaya, Burma, India, 2 p.m., ss Sangola.
Philippines, & Parcels only for France, 3 p.m., ss Almkerk.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, 10 a.m., ss Trafalgar.
SUNDAY, APRIL 22
By Air
Philippines, B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m., via C.P.A.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00, "Programme Summary"; 6.02, Stories From World History—A BBC Broadcast For Schools. "Balbao" (BBCTS); 6.22, Music Of Jerome Kern; 6.30, Songs By Lucrezia Bori (Soprano) and Emilio Livi (Tenor); 6.45, Hal Lorenzo At The Piano (Studio); 7.00, "Lucky Dip" Variety Requests. Presented By Pauline Spence (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, Piano Recital By Phyllis Sellick and Cyril Smith; 8.30, "Take It From Here" With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBCTS); 9.00, "From The Editorials" (Relay Recorded); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, Sebastian Ballet Suite, (Gian-Carlo Menotti); 9.30, "Wednesday Night Theatre". "An Inspector Calls" By J.B. Priestley (BBCTS); With: Angela Baddeley, Frank Pettingell, Gladys Young, David Enders: Alastair Duncan: Dorothy Smith; 11.00, Radio News Reel, (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.29, Weather Report. God Save The King; 11.30. Close Down.

Dutch Destroyers In Harbour

Two Dutch destroyers, HNMS Van Galen and HNMS Evertsen, arrived in the Colony this morning.

The Van Galen is out from Holland to relieve the Evertsen which has been on operational duty in Korean waters with the United Nations' fleet.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"That's Mr. Richardson—he's retired, but he likes to poke around in the store every day, glaring at hoarders!"

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